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## Judge lifts Lawrence injunction

THE GOVERNMENT was forced into an embarrassing climb-down last night after a High Court judge overturned a ban by the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, on publication of details of the long-awaited report into the murder of Stephen Lawrence.

The report concluded that there was a "pernicious and institutionalised racism" among the Metropolitan Police and implied that the force's Commissioner, Sir Paul Condon, faces the sack unless he accepts its findings.

Mr Justice Rix last night ruled that extracts of the report which had appeared in early editions of the *Sunday Telegraph* could be re-published and commented upon by other newspapers and broadcasters.

The ruling meant a partial lifting of an injunction obtained less than 24 hours earlier on Mr Straw's instructions, banning any publication of material from the report ahead of its official release on Wednesday.

According to the leaks, the report of Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, who carried out the inquiry, concluded that "institutionalised racism" in the Metropolitan Police had been a key factor in its failure to catch the black teenager's killers.

They also confirm a report in *The Independent* last week that Sir Paul would be criticised for failing to realise there were serious problems with the investigation and for a "somewhat less positive approach" than other police chiefs who have accepted racism is ingrained in the service.

The Macpherson report will include 70 recommendations affecting policing and race re-

BY PAUL WAUGH  
Political Correspondent

lations in Britain. A coalition of national newspapers, led by the paper's publishers - the Telegraph Group and *The Independent*, agreed a variation to the injunction with Treasury solicitors which allows reporting of matters already in the public domain.

Tories seized upon the lifting of the ban on publication of leaked extracts from the inquiry report as a "humiliating defeat".

Referring to the criticisms of Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Paul Condon in the report, Mr Parkinson said: "We are not happy about the criticisms of Sir Paul. We had a meeting and there was unanimous support of Sir Paul, saying he should stay when this report came out."

"We don't believe that there is institutionalised racism in the Metropolitan Police force or in the police service in general."

However, the Home Office played down the ruling and insisted Mr Straw remained unchanged by it. "It is his firm belief that the partial leaking of the report was unfair to the Lawrences, the police and to Parliament," the Home Office said in a statement.

"The principle is upheld by the maintenance of the injunction against publication of any further material from the report."

"Today's variation of the injunction represents no more than a recognition of the practicalities of the situation, namely that some of the report's contents are now in the public domain. But clearly the principle that the report should not have been disclosed remains intact."

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for the Government. Sir Norman Fowler, the shadow home secretary, said the Government should never have sought the High Court injunction in the first place.

"The Government has been forced to climb down. I think it is a humiliating defeat," he said. "The Government should never have taken this to a judge and sought an injunction in the way that they did."

"They acted in an arbitrary and a high-handed manner and they came a cropper and they deserved to have done so."

A Scotland Yard spokesman said last night: "The Commissioner has never said that his future is in Jack Straw's hands; that is not a quote from the



A model aims to make a big impression at Red or Dead's show for London Fashion Week yesterday

US fails to win right to bomb Kosovo

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

IN A fresh setback to efforts to corner Slobodan Milosevic, the US failed yesterday to win the agreement of the ethnic Albanians to the proposed political settlement that could have opened the way to Nato bombing of Yugoslav military targets.

On Saturday, after "overtime" negotiations at the conference, Madeleine Albright, US Secretary of State, could not disguise her anger at the Albanians' refusal to sign up - and thus present Belgrade with the choice of accepting the entire package, including Nato peace-keepers, or facing airstrikes.

Yesterday she tried again, without success. "We have not achieved that," her spokesman, James Rubin, said before Mrs Albright moved on to separate talks with the Serbian President, Milorad Milutinovic, right-hand man of Mr Milosevic.

The impasse makes it even more likely the conference, extended to a new deadline of 1400 GMT tomorrow, will yield at best a fudged compromise.

Simultaneously, the prospect is receding of the attacks Washington is itching to unleash against Belgrade, but which are opposed not only by Russia, but most of the European members of the six-nation Contact Group of leading powers.

While cruise missiles and 400 Nato planes stand poised to strike Yugoslavia, more deaths were reported in the province at the weekend, while inhabitants of Studencane village, where Serbian security forces and Kosovo Liberation Army guerrillas exchanged heavy fire on Saturday, said they were too scared to return home.

The ethnic Albanians are refusing to sign the final draft because, although it grants Kosovo broad autonomy, it makes no provision for a referendum on independence once the three-year interim agreement expires. If the Albanians stick to this position, Mrs Albright acknowledged, there could be no bombing of Yugoslavia, though Belgrade is adamant it will tolerate no Nato peace-keepers on its soil.

Every sign is the US mis-calculated, assuming the Albanians would accept any deal as long as they had a guarantee of Nato protection. In fact, as an American official admitted, "both sides are equally to blame".

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## Spending ban on euro poll

TONY BLAIR'S drive towards a single European currency has been hampered by Treasury guidelines which bar the Government from spending public money to campaign for a "yes" vote in the single currency referendum.

According to advice from the Treasury Officer of Accounts, the Government can use taxpayers' money only on

BY DIANE COYLE  
AND PAUL WAUGH

"any expenditure which is considered necessary so that the general public can make an informed decision when they vote in the referendum".

The national changeover plan is due to be published this week as part of the Government's "prepare and decide"

policy. The Treasury advice is the first concrete confirmation that a "yes" campaign, likely to cost millions of pounds, will have to be privately funded.

While the eurosceptics have some big backers, including the millionaire businessman Paul Sykes, the pro-European groups have not done as much preparatory work on their campaign.

The Labour peer and media magnate, Lord Hollick, may be prepared to meet a large chunk of any yes campaign costs, along with other businessmen in a cross-party pro-euro alliance formed last year.

Outside experts estimate that the total amount of expenditure needed to convert the public sector over to the euro could be around £1bn.

MORE THAN 90,000 investors who subscribed for shares in William Hill, the betting shops chain, are to receive a £20 betting voucher for the Grand National after the company's stockmarket flotation was scrapped on Saturday.

The 1,500-strong betting chain, bought by the Japanese bank Nomura two years ago, was due to hit the stockmarket

BY JOHN WILCOCK

this month. However, last week many of the City's big institutional investors said that they thought the asking price of 135p a share was too high. On Saturday, Nomura decided to sell William Hill instead to two financial companies, Cenve and CVC, for £825m. But interest from small investors was

intense. By the end of the offer period on Friday, Nomura had received applications for more than 120 million shares and banked over 90,000 cheques.

With the race cancelled, Nomura is to issue everyone who applied for shares with a voucher for a "double" bet on the Lincoln Handicap and the National. Nomura placates investors, Business, page 15

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# Lonely talks at a French chateau haunted by the spectre of Milosevic

BY RUPERT CORNWELL

DAYTON WAS one thing. An air-force base in the American Midwest about the size of a small English county, and F-15s, F-16s, not to mention a one-man diplomatic tank regiment named Richard Holbrooke to make the point so clearly that it could have been etched in neon on the broad Ohio sky: "Work out your problems, guys, or else." The methods weren't pretty and the guest quarters where Mssrs Slobodan Milosevic, Franjo Tudjman and Alija Izetbegovic were holed up for a month had less charm than a Day's Inn. But it worked. Peace, albeit uneasy and massively policed, came to Bosnia.

Fast forward three years to unending bloodshed in Kosovo, and another Balkan peace conference near Paris. After the un-subtle flexing of American military muscle, this was *l'heure de l'Europe*. If Dayton was a warning, Rambouillet has been a promise. "Look around you and just imagine," the setting of this Balkan conference tells Serbs and Kosovo Albanians over the last two weeks. "Be reasonable, settle your differences and you too could have a share of this. You too could join rich, civilised and refined Europe."

And most tempting it has been. A gorgeous palace where French kings once sported and where Napoleon spent his final nights before being shipped to St Helena, buried in the French countryside. A small French town whose high street (here named, inevitably, Rue Charles de Gaulle) boasts cosy restaurants where you eat like a king for £10 a head, not to mention a cheese shop to pale anything in Jermyn Street SW1. And thus it was inside the chateau: gilt and crystal chandeliers, and a magnificent panelled dining room where the Elysée caterer Lenotre laid out its offerings in a sumptuous daily buffet. For people brought up on *grittier* Balkan fare, this must have been paradise indeed.

*La bonne table*, (though cheeseburgers did appear on the second Monday), a wide selection of *vin* most of them grands, and fine and aromatic cognacs: *le doux pays de France* in her full seductive splendour. And by all accounts, the mortal enemies took to it like ducks to water. "Don't weigh the results when it's all over, just weigh the delegates," was one shrewd diplomat's quip. But did it work? No, or rather not yet - for even in the politics of the Balkans, the possibility of a rush of good sense in the next 48 hours cannot quite be ruled out.

This has been a peace conference like few others. For one thing, the two sides show no real sign of even wanting to make peace. Barring a couple of occasions, at the opening ceremony and when Madeleine Albright was in town 10 days ago, the Serbs and Albanians haven't even negotiated face-to-face. Instead they have remained on separate floors, with

American, European and Russian mediators ferrying proposals and counter-proposals between them. Above them, on the third floor, the six countries of the Contact Group each had their own office, monitoring proceedings. Sometimes, queuing for the buffet, Serb and Albanian might find themselves side by side. But as soon as they had heaped their plates, they retreated to different tables, divided by a few yards of space but by a chasm of hostility and suspicion.

And the segregation was as well. One day Hashim Thaqi, of the Kosovo Liberation Army and a leading negotiator for the ethnic Albanians, emerged from the chateau to hold a press conference in a cramped bar's even more cramped rear section (the French having with impeccable Gallic logic laid on a conference whose importance they proclaimed daily to the world, but failing to provide even a single extra telephone line or workspace for the reporters sent to cover it). One of his Serb opposite numbers, Thaqi said, "threatened to kill me" if the Albanians didn't accept the deal on offer. Had they talked directly across a table, the room might have been knee

deep in corpses after half an hour.

So much, though, for the notion of peace talks cut off from the outside. It is true that apart from odd forays like Mr Thaqi's the participants mostly stayed behind the barred gates of the chateau estate, its perimeter guarded by cohorts of CRS riot police. But the mobile phones kept buzzing and beeping, fuelling a spin war fought out in the Serb and Albanian press at

home. Dayton, where the US military was seriously into the business of holding hostages, was a Trappist monastery in comparison.

One way and another, this has been a model of how not to run a diplomatic conference. The beauty of Dayton was that everyone was there. Now it would be unkind to describe the Serbian delegates here as monkeys. But perhaps because he feared arrest for war crimes,

perhaps because he considered it beneath his dignity, the organ grinder has this time stayed in Belgrade, haughtily refusing to see Christopher Hill, the chief mediator who flew to see him on Friday.

Rambouillet has danced to the tune of Slobodan Milosevic. Might be make an appearance in person? Would Robin Cook or Hubert Vedrine go to Belgrade to see him? By Saturday evening however, when the

Contact Group foreign ministers trooped out to meet the press, they were in no state to go anywhere. Our unfurling Foreign Secretary had been up the previous day until 5am, and had spent the rest of the night on a camp bed. As for Madeleine Albright, furious that the Albanians had said no to the deal and thus denied Washington the opportunity to unleash the Cruise missiles, she looked shattered, her features pasty and wan as the whitewashed face of a Japanese kabuki actress. Failure, or its almost certain prospect, was etched on every face. This was to have been Europe's hour, but the best that Europe can salvage from the muddle is a fudge. One deadline set in stone has passed. Why on earth, we wondered, should Mr Milosevic, unrivalled in spinning out the miseries he has visited on his own people to prolong his political survival, believe that the next one at 3pm tomorrow could be any different?

And so it was. The Americans assure, the bombs will fall. But probably Mr Milosevic actually wants a few to fall, so he can blame NATO and not his misjudgements for the loss of Kosovo, which in his heart he knows that sooner or later is inevitable. Those were some of our thoughts as we waited through the endless hours of Saturday afternoon for the Ministers to come. And where were we waiting? Not in the chateau or some fine assembly hall, but in the gym of the local army barracks. Finally Rambouillet is learning something from Dayton. The tragedy is, it may be too late.

## THE KEY PLAYERS, PRESENT AND ABSENT



Milosevic (left) never turned up at Rambouillet's famous chateau but he played his cards so skilfully from a distance that he appears to have stayed the hand of Madeleine Albright (right) into an admission of near-defeat

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# Police to use Capone ploy on gangland

BY IAN BURRELL

Home Affairs Correspondent

Police are seeking access to the tax files of suspected drugs barons and big criminals in secret negotiations with the Inland Revenue.

The move, which mirrors the tactics used to smash the empire of 1920s Chicago mobster Al Capone, would for the first time allow police to study the tax affairs of private individuals.

The tactic has civil liberties implications but would provide police with a crucial tool in their attempts to bring down the top-tier criminals who are able to distance themselves from their illegal activities.

Senior officials at the Inland Revenue have been holding talks with the Association of Chief Police Officers and the National Criminal Intelligence Service aimed at developing a system which would not be open to abuse.

A senior NCIS source said: "The Revenue are all for it. At the moment we have the ability to pass information to them but they can't pass information to us. We want to get to the stage where, in serious organised crime investigations, there is a cross-flow of intelligence."

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regulated by the courts.

He said: "There may be circumstances where the police have a justifiable reason to have access to Inland Revenue files but there should be an independent check to see that this is not abused. The obvious solution is for that independent check to be a judge."

Police chiefs hope that tax inspectors will be drafted in to work at a new confiscation agency being considered by the Home Office as a way of targeting criminals' assets.

Simon Goddard, of the strategic and specialist intelligence branch at NCIS, said police are failing to confiscate the money and assets of the top level drug traffickers. "We are not getting the right people. We are not getting the Mr Bigs behind it all," he said. "Between 1987 and 1996 only 157 drug trafficking confiscation orders for £100,000 or more were made against a background of over 45,000 convictions for supply of drugs."

Law enforcement agencies are also concerned that new opportunities for drug traffickers and criminals to launder their money are being created by the introduction of the euro.

Sir Bernard Ingham will appear at Croydon Magistrates Court tomorrow

## Ingham charged with damage

BY NICHOLAS SCHOON

SIR BERNARD Ingham, Margaret Thatcher's press secretary during most of her tenure of Downing Street, was yesterday charged with criminal damage.

Scotland Yard said Sir Bernard, 66, would appear at Croydon Magistrates Court tomorrow.

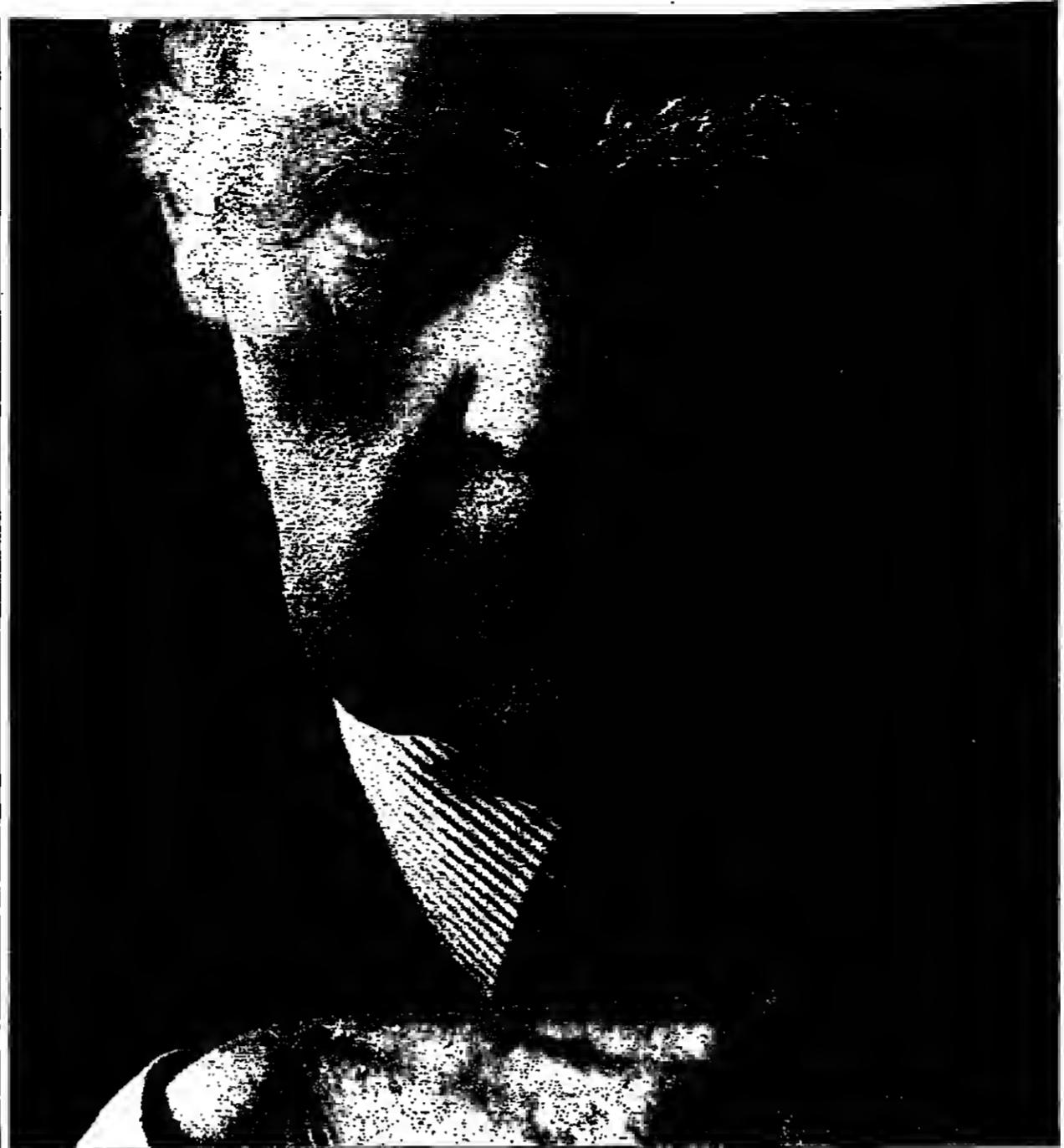
He was charged at Croydon police station with causing criminal damage to a silver Mercedes car in December last year.

The alleged offence took place on a Sunday afternoon at the rear of a building in the road in Purley, south London, where Sir Bernard lives, said a Metropolitan Police spokesman. Sir Bernard is accused of causing damage worth less than £2,000 to the saloon car. He is on police bail.

Last night he said: "I shall say what I have to say in court. I don't think it will be a substantive hearing on Tuesday."

Asked how he was going to plead, Sir Bernard said: "I am not saying what I shall do. I personally have never seen any damage. I have had trouble for 10 years, and I think the full facts will come out in court."

Relations between Sir Bernard and a neighbour, builder Barry Cripps, became unfriendly soon after the latter moved into "Nutcracker Gables" a decade ago.



David Sanderson

## Whelan memoirs in 'bidding war frenzy'

BY CLARE GARNER

reportedly set to make £50,000 from the book.

Curtis Brown, his literary agent, says he has been "showed with others" of up to £250,000. Newspapers are said to be prepared to pay £200,000 for serialisation.

Mr Whelan, 44, a fanatical Tottenham Hotspur supporter, yesterday refused to confirm the amounts being offered: "If those figures are true I'll be able to buy Spurs a new player and pay off Peter Mandelson's house loan for him." Mr Whelan is now a chat-show host on BBC Radio Five Live.

He would not comment on the contents of his book, but his review of the journalist Paul Routledge's unauthorised biography of Mr Mandelson, entitled *Mandy*, hinted it would be explosive. "Mandy goes a fair amount of the way to revealing the inner machinations of the rise of New Labour," he wrote.

"Of course, there are probably lots more details that neither Paul Routledge, nor anybody else has told - yet."

### IN BRIEF

#### Seven held over Omagh bombing

SEVEN PEOPLE were last night being questioned about the Omagh bombing after arrests by British and Irish police on both sides of the Irish border. Detectives believe the Real IRA bomb was assembled in Northern Ireland but transported to Omagh in a car stolen in the Irish Republic.

#### Assault on girls, 8 and 12

DETECTIVES WERE last night looking for two boys aged seven and 12 and a youth of 15 after two girls were assaulted. The girls, eight and 12, were attacked by the two older boys at ponds in Doncaster, South Yorkshire. The boys were with a boy of four and rode off on bikes.

#### Hillsborough survivors' fight

SURVIVORS of Hillsborough dissatisfied with the legal advice they received after the stadium disaster in April 1989 in which 96 people died in Liverpool yesterday to plan new legal action to try to win compensation from solicitors who represented them in claims against the police.

#### League tables for social services

LEAGUE TABLES for local-authority social services departments are to be announced next week. Ministers hope the tables will lead to higher standards and make departments more accountable for their £9bn budgets.

#### Eleven share Lottery jackpot

ELEVEN TICKET holders will share last night's £6,035,601 National Lottery jackpot. The winning numbers were 23, 17, 3, 40, 9 and 29, and the bonus 44. A total of 55 tickets scooped £33,765 each after matching five numbers.

## Doctors oppose organ 'theft'

BY MELANIE HARVEY

TWO LEADING SURGEONS yesterday challenged the views of a British scientist who has called for bodies to be seized after death to ease shortages in organ donors.

Professor John Harris, an international authority on bioethics and one of the hosts of a two-day conference on the subject, will tell delegates that the use of organs without consent is necessary to meet demand.

He argues that the distress of relatives must be weighed against the needs of the seriously ill.

But during the conference hosted by the Institute of Medicine, Law and Ethics at the University of Manchester, his views will be challenged by Dr Kiumars Bakshandeh and Professor Robert Sells.

Dr Bakshandeh, a urologist and kidney surgeon in California, is calling for financial incentives such as cheaper burial and life insurance, combined with an education programme to encourage people to donate organs before and after death.

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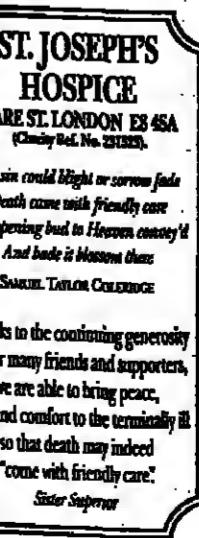
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■ **HEALTH WHERE DO WE STAND ON GM MEDICINES?**  
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# New unit to treat female paedophiles

BY IAN BURRELL  
AND LYNNE WALLS

THE PRISON Service is to open its first treatment programme for female paedophiles following research which shows an increase in the number of women abusing children. The problem was highlighted by a study of 836 victims of female sexual abusers, which showed that in more than 70 per cent of cases the women acted alone.

Previously it had been thought almost all women involved in child sex abuse were acting under the influence of a male partner. A Home Office spokeswoman said: "This rise is partly due to the changing climate and more children feeling able to come forward about these sorts of crimes."

There are 20 women in prison for the sexual abuse of children. Figures show 38 women were prosecuted for such offences in 1996, although it is believed many cases are dropped because of a widespread reluctance to accept that such crimes occur.

In July an English teacher, Lucy Hayward, 30, was jailed for two years after having sex with a 15-year-old boy she had invited to her house and "plied with drugs".

Tina Purser, a nurse, was given two years' probation in 1996 after admitting she had sex with a boy of 12 when she was 26. Purser, who plied him with sweets and money, pursued the affair for two years. The family of the boy claimed he had been "raped of his innocence". But most cases of female sex abuse never come to court.

Michelle Elliott, of the charity Kidscape, which did the research, said many attackers were mothers, step-mothers and grandmothers. "Because of this the victims are some of the most damaged people that I have ever seen. They experi-



Hayward: Had sex with a boy she 'plied with drugs'

prepared by specialists including Jackie Saradyn, a consultant forensic clinical psychologist at Highroyds Psychiatric Hospital, Chester.

She said: "The Prison Service has a core programme for males, but nothing for females - the main difference between the two is that women usually don't go through the court system, because they are rarely prosecuted."

Linda Jones, head of the Prison Service's Women's Policy Group, said: "Clearly, the

problem of women abusing children is nowhere near as serious as male abuse but if it isn't addressed then it could be a risk to children."

"We are recognising the problem and this is all part of a new drive to develop more rehabilitative regimes generally."

It is anticipated that the project will be run on similar lines to the sex offender treatment programme operating in 25 male prisons around the country and using "cognitive-behavioural" treatments to get paedophiles to accept what they have done and challenge their thinking.

Sheila Brumpton, of Styal's probation department, said: "The programme will enable women firstly to accept that they have sexually abused a child, look at the triggers for their behaviour, and help develop empathy with the victim. Basically, it's about child protection but it's also looking at the woman as a victim herself."

About 70 per cent of male sex offenders were abused as children, research has shown, although the majority of those abused do not go on to abuse children themselves.

Four different studies have placed the proportion of female paedophiles who were abused at between 50 and 100 per cent.

The architects of Styal's new programme are hopeful that female offenders will be more open and responsive to therapy than men.

Ms Saradyn said: "Women have a sort of double guilt, because they have not only abused a child but have also breached the sense of how society sees women, which will hopefully enable them to take responsibility for their behaviour earlier."

The prospect of male paedophiles following a similar programme is not without its difficulties. "It's a very different issue," says Jackie Saradyn. "Women are more likely to accept that they have done something wrong and are more likely to accept responsibility for their behaviour than men."

Lord Winston, a pioneer of *in-vitro* fertilisation techniques, says in a new book that an embryo could be implanted in a man's abdomen - with the placenta attached to an internal organ such as the bowel - and later delivered by Caesarean section. However, other experts expressed serious misgivings about the treatment, saying the chances of a successful pregnancy were extremely low and needed to be balanced against the risks to the man's health.

The prospect of male pregnancy is a controversial topic. Some experts believe it could be a breakthrough in the treatment of infertile men, while others are concerned about the potential risks to the man's health. The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) has issued a warning against the procedure, stating that it is not yet safe for men to bear children. The RCOG also points out that the procedure would be expensive and may not be available to all men. The RCOG also points out that the procedure would be expensive and may not be available to all men.

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Narcotics: New report reveals colossal scale of trafficking and money laundering, much of it flowing through Britain

## Drugs trade 'the third largest economy'

THE DRUGS business is the third biggest economy in the world today. In fact, according to more alarmist estimates of its value, it could even be starting to catch up with the United States as the leading player in the world economy.

Like any other business, organised crime has gone global, and the drugs trade is its most profitable sector. Of necessity, the figures are mainly guesswork, but the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations (G7) has estimated that at least \$120bn (£73bn) from the drugs trade are laundered through the world's financial system a year.

This extremely conservative estimate amounts to about the same as the total amount of funds invested legally in the emerging market economies last year.

The comparison gives some idea of the potential that drugs money – much of it flowing through London, the biggest foreign-exchange trading centre in the world – has to disrupt

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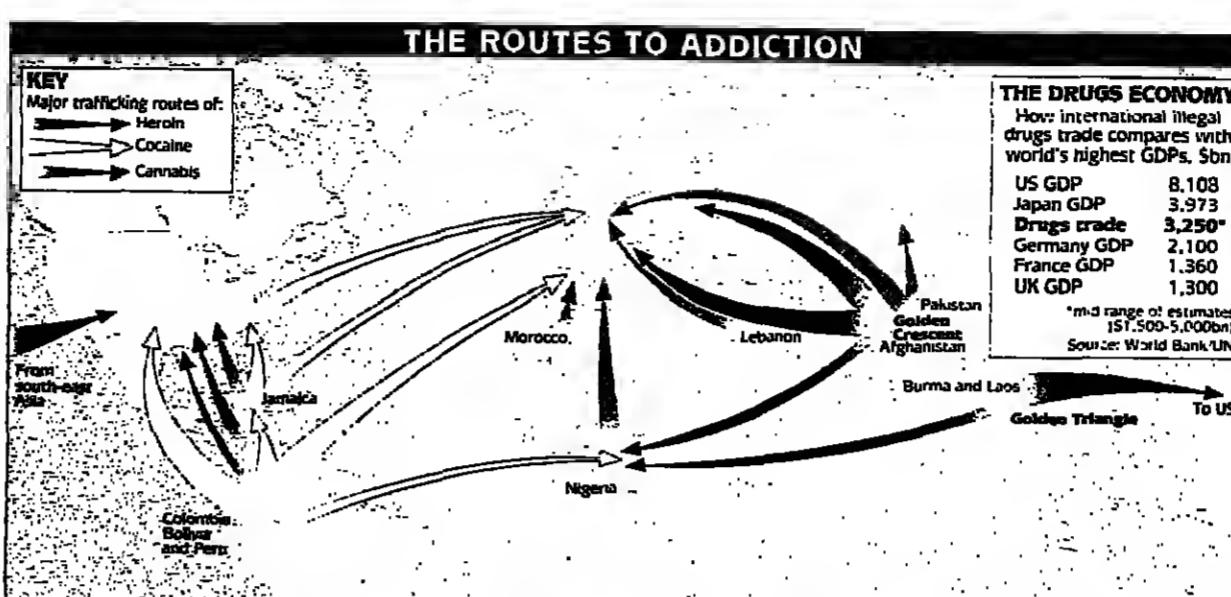
the financial markets. After all, 1998 was scarcely a calm year in the markets.

The G7, whose finance ministers met in Bonn at the weekend, set up the FATF to combat money laundering, bribery and other financial aspects of organised crime. Its existence is a tacit admission that these powerful countries need to engage in combat with their illegal counterparts.

For the possibility of financial turbulence is actually the least of the G7's worries. The growth of the illegal drugs trade has led to a mounting bill for the medical, social and policing costs.

In the US, the annual social cost is estimated to be about \$57bn a year, according to the 1998 National Drug Strategy. More than one-third of the country's new cases of HIV are linked to the injection of drugs.

In the United Kingdom, the direct cost of dealing with serious drug abusers is estimated at well over £4bn a year. The



Office for National Statistics puts the size of the drugs economy in the UK at up to 1.2 per cent of official gross domestic product.

While it is impossible to compile comprehensive statistics – estimates of the annual value

of the worldwide trade in illegal drugs range between \$1,500bn to \$5,000bn – the direct costs alone are clearly sizeable.

But the negative economic impact goes beyond the direct costs of patching up the damage caused by drugs. It even

goes beyond the indirect costs crime imposes by disrupting the efficient functioning of the economy, making the costs of crime-prevention a kind of tax.

Illegal drugs, like legal alcohol, also devalue the quality of the workforce. The policing of the

problem diverts resources that could be put to other uses.

However, perhaps the most serious impact of the problem, as far as economists are concerned, is the way that illegal drugs degrade the institutions of politics and society. Take a re-

cologist at Berkeley, in California, argue that Russia's economy is doomed to permanent chaos because of the activities of organised crime. The government is unable to collect tax, but the mafia can.

The drug-financed illegal economy has filled the vacuum created by the transition from Communism, and its dominance now prevents the emergence of normal economic institutions.

The FATF has reported that money laundering takes place not just through offshore financial centres, but also through high-street lawyers and accountants, banks and bureaux de change.

The drugs business is eating away at the economy from within, in market economies are defined by their institutions.

Predominant among these is the rule of law in upholding property rights. The illegal drugs trade has grown to a scale that is undermining this basic framework. It is threatening the ability of the world's biggest economies to continue prospering.

## Alarm at 'zombie' pill use in UK

BY IAN BURRELL  
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A UNITED NATIONS body will this week call for a World Health Organisation investigation into the medical effects of a stimulant drug which it says is being given to British children at a "staggering" rate.

A report by the UN's International Narcotics Control Board says that use of the drug methylphenidate, or Ritalin, has risen by 100 per cent in more than 50 countries in the past year.

The amphetamine-type drug is being prescribed by doctors to hyperactive children because it helps calm them down. But in Scotland, where its use is particularly widespread, drug-support groups say it is being sold illegally to adults.

The UN board warns that unless checks are introduced, levels of use in Britain could reach those in the United States, where one-year-olds are now being given the drug and up to 40 per cent of children in some school classes are using it.

In Britain, critics have claimed that doctors are creating classrooms of "zombies". The number of prescriptions has risen from 2,000 in 1991 to 82,000 last year. The National Health Service bill for Ritalin was £1.6m last year and this year is expected to rise above £2m.

MPs and paediatricians have called for an inquiry into the long-term effects of the drug, which is designed to help children with attention deficit disorder (ADD).

In its report, the UN calls on the governments in Britain and 10 other countries to "seek out possible over-diagnosis of ADD and curb excessive use".



'Sarah and Jim', who are trying to kick the heroin habit; they say use of the drug is endemic on Jersey

Christian Keenan

JERSEY, the tax haven associated with wealthy businessmen and quiet beaches, has developed a heroin problem to rival the worst of Britain's inner city black spots.

Seizures of drugs on the island trebled between 1997 and 1998 while warnings were issued last week that double-strength heroin was circulating, which is thought to have caused the deaths of up to three users in as many months.

In spite of low levels of crime and almost non-existent unemployment, Jersey has seen an exponential growth in the use of heroin since 1993. During that year police seized just 4 grammes.

By 1995, that figure had grown to 410 grammes, rising to 657 last year, small in mainland terms yet significant among a population of only 85,000. As yet unpublished statistics for 1997-98 are expected to show that more than 1,200 grammes were confiscated.

The death rate here is reflective of a community which has a sizeable opiate problem and is consistent with the worst figures ... in the UK," said Bill Saunders, head of the island's Alcohol and Drugs Service.

The service has issued warnings to users after the appearance on the island of 60 per cent pure heroin – twice as strong as usual – and the overdoses of at least two addicts. An inquest has yet to establish the cause of a third death last week, while, on the island, leaflets have been

trying to kick the habit, but they are still occasional users. They say heroin use on Jersey is now endemic.

"A few years ago, the police clamped down on grass and hash at a time when heroin was suddenly available, so people went for it," said Sarah. "It's still available – although sometimes there are problems with supply, it comes in fits and starts.

"We started smoking it, just once a month, and then it became more regular and we

started injecting and, at our worst, we were both doing a gramme and a half a day each. We would wake up with no money and no food but, somehow, we would get drugs."

Jim, a gardener, dealt in heroin to finance their habit. "It's much more expensive here than on the mainland, but you can get it when you want it," he said. "There are not that many dealers and, usually, there is just the one batch going round."

Jim and Sarah (not their

real names) are benefiting from the island's progressive approach to the problem. Unlike many local authorities, where prevention and punishment are the watchwords, on Jersey they have adopted a "harm reduction" strategy, aimed more at rehabilitation than punishment.

Any addict who asks for help can be on a detox programme within 48 hours. Methadone, a heroin substitute, is widely available but rigorously monitored – it must be taken in the presence

of a pharmacist. Users are even given the heroin antidote, Naran, to keep in the fridge at home for use in the event of an overdose.

"We are negotiating with the courts to concentrate more on treatment of offenders than jailing them," said Mr Saunders, who has worked with the most desperate of addicts in Glasgow and Australia.

"If we can get them off heroin, there is less chance of them getting back on it."

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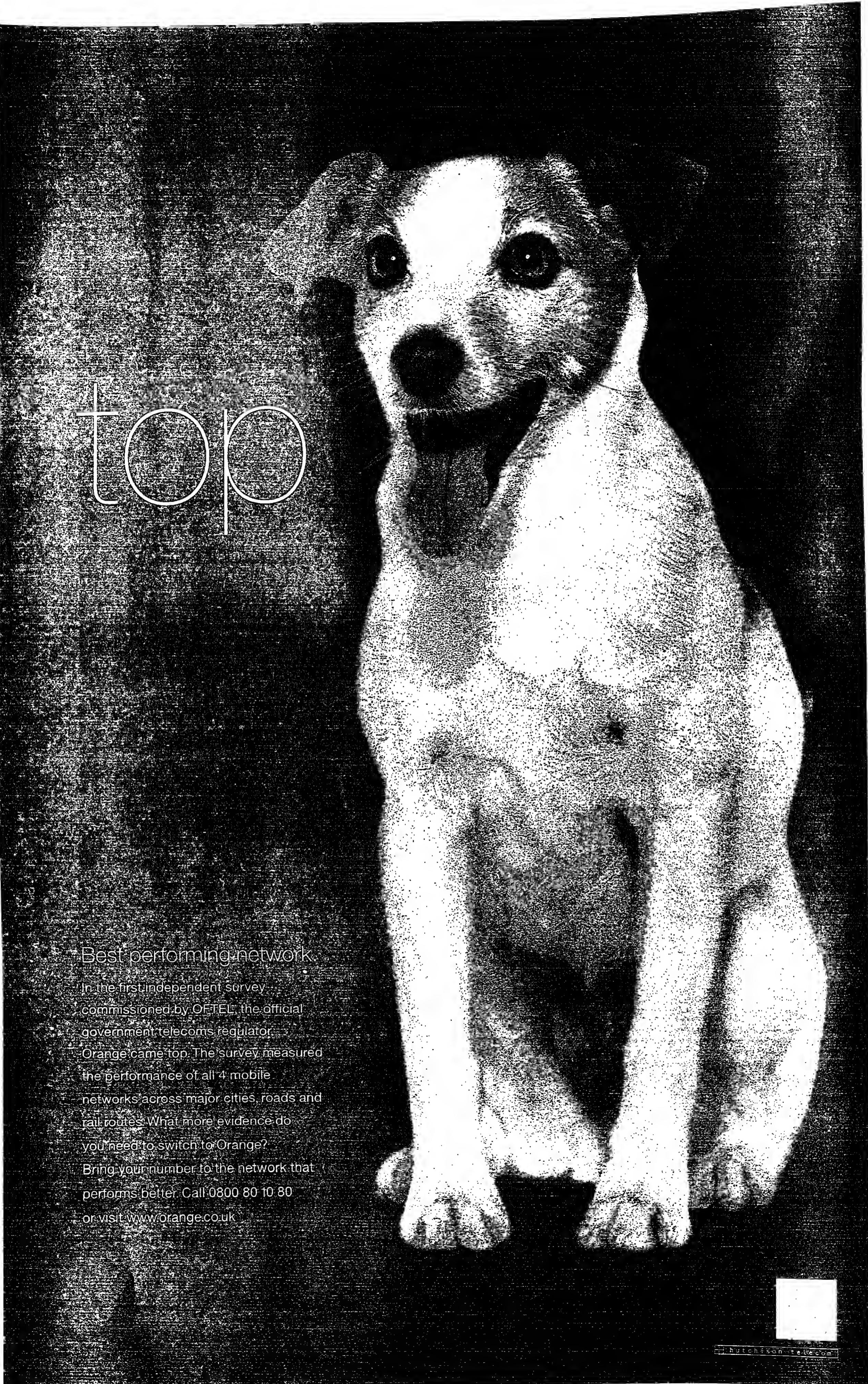
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# Banks for the poor may have to reopen

BRITAIN'S high-street banks could be forced by law to reopen or keep open their branches in rural and inner-city areas and offer accounts to the poor.

Under plans being considered by ministers, the Government's proposed Financial Services Authority (FSA) may be given the power to insist that banks have a duty to prevent "financial exclusion".

The banking industry will attempt to head off regulation this week by announcing a new study into the problems to communities caused by the unprecedented wave of branch closures in recent years.

Ministers prefer self-regulation for the banks, but are making clear that the forthcoming Financial Services and Markets Bill could include reserve powers to insist on "local access" if no progress is made.

The FSA may be able to insist that banks at least provide an indoor cashpoint machine wherever they are planning to close a branch.

"We want them to prove they can get their own house in order. If they can't, then they may have to be forced to do so," said a ministerial source.

Nearly 3,500 bank branches have been closed since 1990 and the inner cities of Bristol, Birmingham, Liverpool and Glasgow have been particularly badly hit. More than one in four inner London areas have lost all their banks in the last nine years.

Most of the big four high-street banks, Barclays, Lloyds, Midland and NatWest, have claimed the rise of 24-hour telephone call centres, mergers, and the need to increase efficiency have given them no alternative but to close remote and under-used branches.

However, MPs from all parties have said that local bank branches are as crucial as local

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post offices for rural communities and the inner-city poor.

The elderly, the disabled and no-car owners suffer most from the lack of face-to-face banking, but research shows that local businesses also face a loss in turnover of up to 25 per cent following a closure.

Following pressure from MPs and the Government, the British Bankers Association (BBA) will announce this week that it is setting up an independent study into the issue.

The review will look at a range of options that may include "community banks", single outlets that would offer services for a number of banks allowing them to cut costs.

It will also examine the possibility of greater co-operation with community-based credit unions to allow the poor to start their own bank accounts.

Banks demand passports and driving licences for any account to be set up, but many poor people don't possess either and ministers want other proof of identity to be allowed.

Up to 3.5 million people in the UK do not have bank accounts and the Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Patricia Hewitt, has urged banks to tackle this.

The Financial Services and Markets Bill is currently being considered by a joint committee of both the House of Commons and Lords.

Derek French, director of the Campaign for Community Banking Services, said: "The loss of its last or only bank is a major blow to any community. What is certain is that if no action is taken, the problems for consumers will increase and the banks' already tarnished image will be further damaged," he said.

Tory backbenchers restless about William Hague's leadership see Kenneth Clarke a "big hitter popular with the punters" Doug Mark

## Tory backbenchers begin to put their faith in the Clarke option

YOUR PARTY'S poll ratings have flattened and you've got a party leader who's as popular as a Monsanto salesman at a Greenpeace rally. So, as a Tory MP in dire need of an electoral saviour, who you gonna call?

Step forward the soft shoe shuffler himself, Britain's num-

ber one No1s County fan and darling of Cuban cigar factory workers, the Right Honourable Kenneth Clarke.

That was the plea this week from more than a handful of Conservative backbenchers who are restless about William Hague's failure to dent the Government's popularity.

Even right-wing Eurosceptics are now heard in Commons bars and backrooms

BY PAUL WAUGH

proclaiming the Clarke option.

"We might as well face it sooner rather than later. Hague's going to lose us the next election," one said. "At least with Ken, we'd have a big hitter who was popular with the punters."

This recent rash of speculation was prompted last Sunday by none other than Tony Blair, who appealed to the former Chancellor to wrest back control of the Tories from its rabid right. As Valentines go, it was neither finesse nor publicity welcome to the Clarke camp, but the Prime Minister's intervention prompted MPs to reassess that most Tory of instincts, self-preservation.

However, "that podgy life insurance risk", as Mr Clarke is memorably described in Alan Clark's *Diaries*, has skillfully spent the past few days rising above the Westminster gossip, letting the rumour mill do its work. On the face of it, Mr Clarke has behaved of late like the very model of a modern Tory backbencher. Ever loyal on the record, he praised Mr Hague's "compassionate Conservatism" speeches in the United States and popped up during a Commons debate to attack Labour's reforms of the House of Lords.

Significantly, Mr Clarke has not ruled out leading the Tories and his allies point out that under the new one-member,

one-vote leadership rules, his popularity with the grass roots could clinch him the top job. They point out that during the last Tory leadership contest, he came top of the ballot on the first round of voting by MPs and he won the overwhelming backing of constituency chairmen up and down the country.

Musings about a Clarke leadership were further highlighted in a poll that showed a breakaway pro-Europe Tory party would split the vote in the European elections in June. With Clarke as its leader, it would command 19 per cent, compared with 20 per cent for a Hague-led official party.

With rebel Tory MEPs, John Stevens and Brendan Donnel-

ly due this week to attempt to register their new party, the pressure will be on Mr Clarke to publicly distance himself from such claims. Privately, he makes clear he sympathises with those frustrated by Mr Hague's hardline stance on the euro, but he has no intention of leaving to form another party.

When Mr Clarke last ran against William Hague, his opponents were heard repeating their slogan: "It's easy as ABC: Anybody But Clarke." As Mr Hague's personal ratings nosedive, it may be that the crumpled, but canny, backbencher may follow his trademark Hush Puppies and come back in fashion.

## Blair vetoes job for Davies

BY PAUL WAUGH

TONY BLAIR has personally vetoed Ron Davies from being given a high-ranking post in the new Welsh Assembly. It emerged last night.

The former Welsh Secretary and MP for Caerphilly has been selected to stand in May's assembly elections, but his replacement, Alun Michael, will not be allowed to offer him a seat in any ruling "cabinet". The decision is understood to have stemmed from anxiety in Downing Street that voters would react badly to such a rapid political rehabilitation.

It is five months since Mr Davies quit the Cabinet after a "moment of madness" on London's Clapham Common, when he agreed to an assignation with a stranger before being robbed at knifepoint.

It is understood Downing Street tried twice to dissuade him from standing for the assembly, but he defied the pressure. His supporters claim Welsh voters do not believe the incident had damaged him permanently. They also believe he has enough support among assembly candidates to be elected First Secretary of Wales if Mr Michael should fail to win his top-up seat in the proportional elections.

However, Mr Michael, who yesterday confirmed for the first time that he would resign his Westminster seat at the next general election, may offer a post to Rhodri Morgan. He said "the inevitable conclusion" of his decision to stand for the Welsh Assembly was that he would not seek re-election for his Cardiff South and Penarth parliamentary seat. A meeting between Mr Morgan, who was narrowly defeated for the leadership of the Wales Labour Party, and Mr Michael will take place this week.

Their discussions are aimed at working out how the party can capitalise on Mr Morgan's popularity with the public in the campaign to help it win outright control of the assembly. Trade-union block votes meant Mr Morgan lost the leadership contest by a margin of just over 5 per cent.



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Shadow, one of the cubs found trapped on land owned by the Simmington Hunt and now released into the wild.

## Caged fox cubs are returned to wild

BY KIM SENGUPTA

THE FOX cubs were three months old, terrified and in pain. Their ears had been mutilated, they were hungry and bedraggled and imprisoned in a tiny cage where they could barely stand up on the floor of mud.

The discovery of the cubs in a baited trap on land owned by the Simmington Hunt, Yorkshire, was publicised by *The Independent* and led to an outcry. There were investigations by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and Masters of Foxhounds Association into the first photographic proof that foxes were being captured for hunting, negating the argument of blood-sport enthusiasts that hunting was a form of keeping down wild vermin.

After treatment they were taken to an animal sanctuary in Oxfordshire, one of a network used by animal welfare agencies. The locations are not publicised because of fear of intimidation by blood-sport supporters. In this case there was the additional factor that the cubs comprised possible evidence of animal-cruelty charges.

The sanctuary is run by Penny Little, a long-time animal welfare activist. She said:

"The most striking thing about these two poor little cubs was how frightened and traumatised they were."

Now the two cubs have been released after a period of acclimatisation in the autumn.

Ms Little said: "I gather they have adjusted well after being free in the wild. I simply can't understand how anyone could get any pleasure out of tormenting such little cubs."

The RSPCA eventually dropped the case against the Simmington because it could not prove it was directly involved in the trapping.

see sometimes in dogs which have been beaten or ill-treated by their owners.

"The other dreadful thing was that both had one of their ears sliced off. It had been done in a very rough and ready way and not treated afterwards. You can imagine the pain of that being done. I presume the reason for this was to identify the cubs after they were killed."

"One of the cubs would spend his time hiding under a pile of logs; the other one was a bit more confident. But after a while we could hear them playing during the night and their health recovered."

Now the two cubs have been

## Constable may face murder charge

BY JASON BENNETTO  
Crime Correspondent

A POLICEMAN may be charged with murder while his four chief officers have been criticised following the shooting dead of a naked man in his bedroom.

The Director of Public Prosecutions will announce shortly whether Constable Chris Sherwood is to be charged with murder and a chief constable, his deputy, and two assistant chief constables from Sussex police with conspiracy to pervert the course of justice.

While the senior officers are expected to be cleared of any criminal offences, they are facing criticism by an outside inquiry for providing misleading and inaccurate information on the victim, James Ashley, following his shooting in January last year. At least one is expected to be disciplined.

PC Sherwood is charged he would become only the second police officer in modern times to be accused of committing murder in the course of his duties.

An unprecedented set of inquiries was carried out into the death of Mr Ashley, 39, who was shot in the chest during an early-morning raid at his flat in Hastings, East Sussex. He was naked and had been in bed with a girlfriend.

The morning after the incident, which happened at about 3am, Paul Whitehouse, the Chief Constable of Sussex, backed the operation and said the officers had been investigating drugs-trafficking and the attempted murder of a man stabbed outside a pub. He said the suspect they were after was considered "armed and dangerous".

It later emerged that Mr Ashley, far from being a suspect, had pulled the assailant off the victim and may have saved a life.

Two inquiries were set up. Barbara Wilding, Assistant Chief Constable of Kent, investigated the circumstances surrounding the shooting. PC Sherwood and four colleagues from Sussex Police's Special Operations Unit were suspended.

PC Sherwood is expected to argue that before the raid he had attended a briefing with 30 other

officers where they were told that Mr Ashley, and others believed to be in the flat, were violent, dangerous and likely to be armed. No gun was found.

He is also expected to say that before he fired he was looking into the dark through the sight of his Heckler & Koch assault rifle when he saw a man coming towards him with his arms stretched out.

A separate inquiry by Hampshire police examined how the inaccurate information came to be broadcast. The four officers investigated were Mr Whitehouse, his deputy Mark Jordan and assistant chief constables Nigel Yeo and Maria Wallis.

Sources say that some of the officers were found to have been "economical with the truth" and should not have commented on the case until the facts had been established. It will be up to Sussex Police Authority to decide what, if any, disciplinary action should be taken. But an indication that the authority is prepared to take action was given last Friday when Mr Jordan, 40, was suspended.

A claim for damages has been made on behalf of Mr Ashley's 14-year-old son, James, who lives in Liverpool.

A former policeman is to be tried for the second time for the murder of an 18-year-old girl, the Crown Office confirmed yesterday. The case is believed to be one of the first where someone has been charged twice for the same crime.

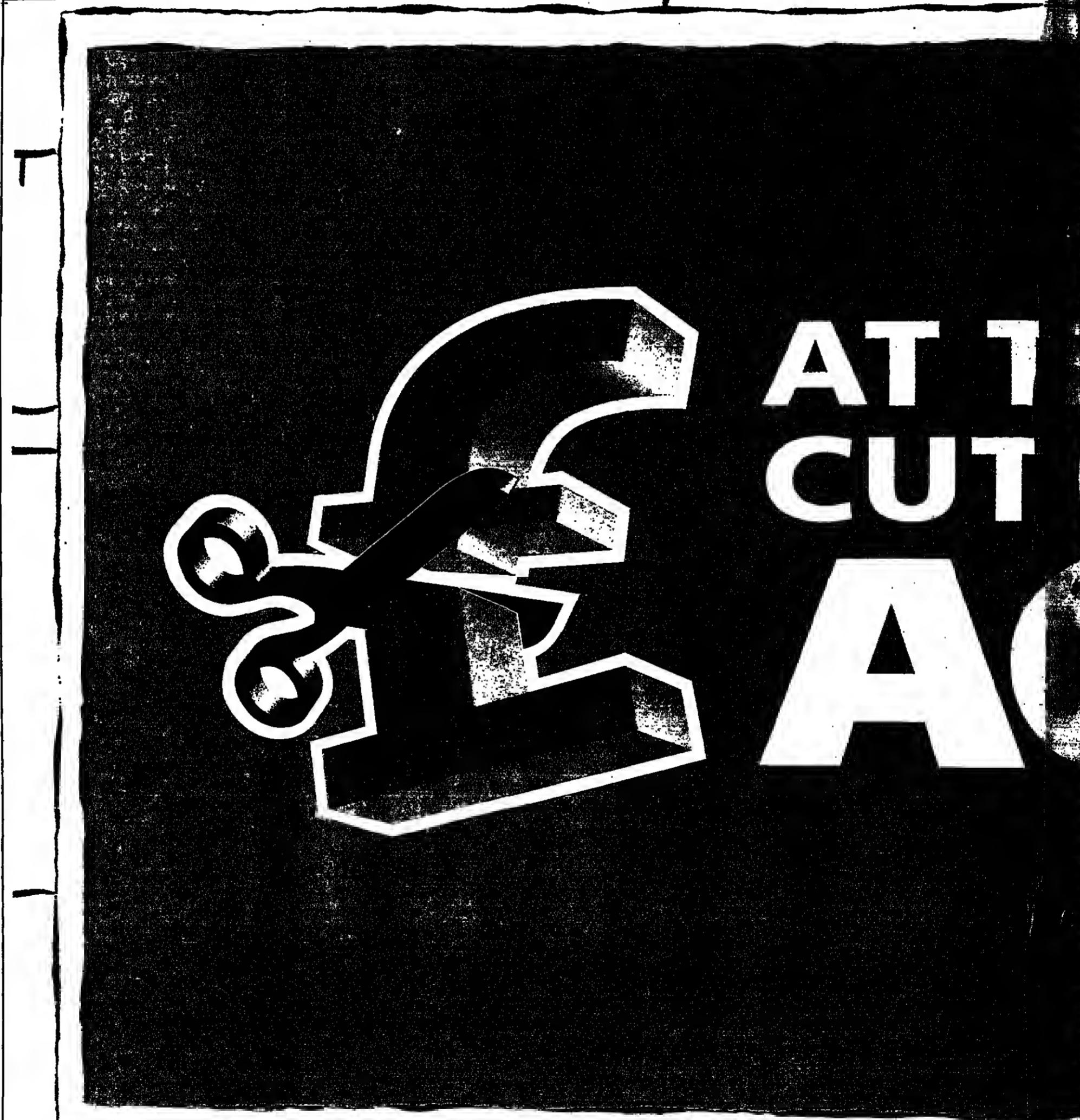
Alexander Hall, who served with Strathclyde Police, was convicted of the murder of Linda Porter in 1988. Her body, with her throat slit, was found on waste ground in Belshill in 1984.

But after serving nearly 11 years, Hall had his conviction quashed at an appeal in December. He was kept in custody because of the severity of his sentence and a fresh indictment was served on him in Perth prison. He will appear at the High Court in Edinburgh on 22 March.

## Bank suspends Lord Archer's trader son

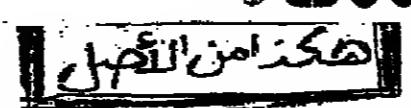
JAMES ARCHER, the son of the millionaire and author Lord Archer, has been suspended from his job as a City trader and is under investigation for alleged financial irregularities, it emerged yesterday.

The investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston said Mr Archer, 24, and his team of two traders who worked as share dealers, were suspended last week. City regulators are believed to be investigating the



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FOREIGN NEWS/11

# Turkey warns EU over Kurds' rights

TURKEY ISSUED a warning to European governments to stay out of its dealings with its Kurdish minority yesterday.

It was the first sign of Turkish fears that the capture last week of Abdullah Ocalan, the Kurdish rebel leader, may focus international attention on Turkey's Kurds. Greece is seeking to bring Mr Ocalan's arrest before a meeting of European Union foreign ministers today.

"Turks and Kurds of Turkey are of one nation," said the Turkish Prime Minister, Bülent Ecevit, yesterday, insisting Turkey would never accept autonomy for its Kurds.

"In contrast to the racist heritage and tendencies of certain European nations, we have no concept of racial differentiation, and there has been no instance of racial conflict or discrimination in Turkish history."

It is hard to reconcile Mr Ecevit's words with the facts. Mr Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) has carried

BY JUSTIN HUGGLER  
in Istanbul

out a 14-year campaign of violence and terror to win Kurdish autonomy in south-east Turkey. Kurds are denied minority rights under Turkish law. Kurdish language broadcasting is illegal, and the language cannot be taught in schools.

"I hope no European government will attempt to bargain at Turkey's expense with the PKK terrorists who have savagely occupied and rampaged public buildings and consulates in recent days," Mr Ecevit said yesterday. "Any compromise with terrorists would inevitably encourage them to (commit) further atrocities and bring humiliation to the governments concerned."

Violent Kurdish protests erupted around the world when Turkish special forces snatched Mr Ocalan from Kenya last week. Protesters denied that their activities had been co-ordinated by the PKK.

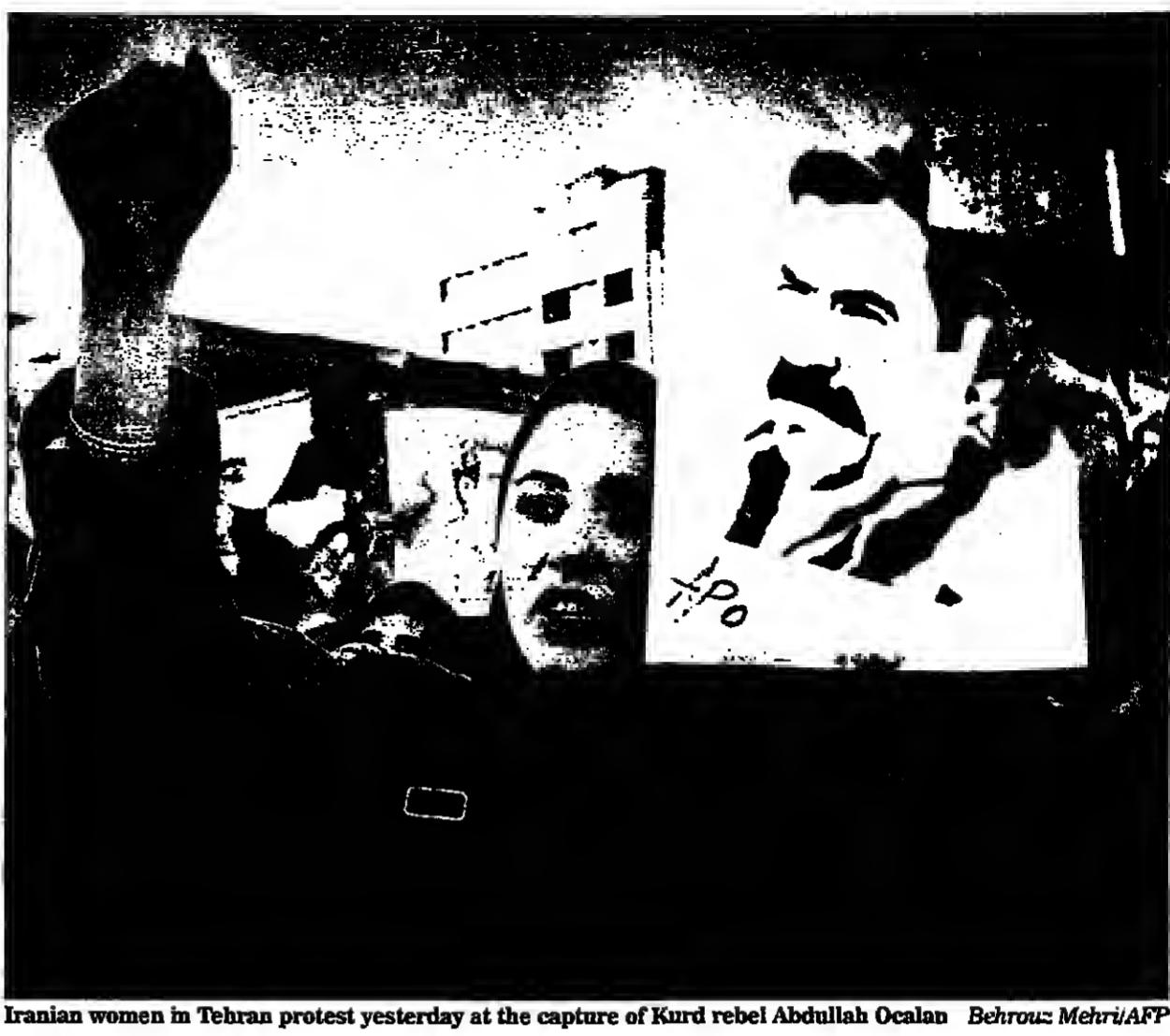
Mr Ocalan remains under in-

terrogation on a prison island in the Sea of Marmara. There were unconfirmed reports that he would make a video appeal for PKK guerrillas to surrender.

Turkey has reacted angrily to calls from several European governments to ensure Mr Ocalan gets a fair trial. Mr Ecevit yesterday called on foreign governments not to "put pressure" on Turkish courts. "We would consider such attempts as an unacceptable affront to Turkish justice," he said.

The Turkish Prime Minister said he believed that the problems of Turkey's Kurds could be solved by social and economic help for the underdeveloped Kurdish regions. He reiterated his call to PKK guerrillas to surrender.

A repentence law before parliament would guarantee shorter sentences for those who gave themselves up, he said. But the PKK has vowed to fight on, and has warned that Turkey will "face the consequences" if Mr Ocalan is harmed.



Iranian women in Tehran protest yesterday at the capture of Kurdish rebel Abdullah Ocalan. Below: Mehri/AFP



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## Ocalan 'our best hope for freedom'

BY JUSTIN HUGGLER

"HE WAS OUR LEADER and our best hope for freedom," says Mehmet Yilmaz, one of the few Kurds in Istanbul willing to talk about Turkey's capture of Abdullah Ocalan.

Mr Yilmaz, a short man with a heavy beard, watched last week as the guerrilla leader was humiliatingly paraded in front of Turkish flags on national television.

"All we want is freedom and political rights. We want to live like humans but the world won't let us," he said.

Mehmet Yilmaz is not his real name; he says if he gave his name he could be arrested. He claims to have been tortured in the past on suspicion of links with Mr Ocalan's Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK). He denies the links but he is a supporter of the organisation.

"I'm angry with Europe," he says. "They let us down. We've been crying out for our freedom for years but the world won't give us our rights. Last week the Israelis killed Kurds. This proves the Kurds will always be killed by all governments." Three Kurdish demonstrators were shot dead by Israeli security guards when they tried to occupy the Israeli consulate in Berlin.

"It's clear that there was an international plot to seize Abdullah Ocalan," says Mr Yilmaz. He believes that the CIA and the Israeli intelligence service, Mossad, were involved in Mr Ocalan's capture, despite US and Israeli denials.

Kurds fleeing the fighting between the PKK and security forces in south-east Turkey have given Istanbul the biggest Kurdish concentration anywhere. But few were willing to talk about Mr Ocalan's capture. "What do you expect?" says Mr Yilmaz. "They've ar-

rested a lot of people. Nobody knows where it will end."

Turkey has almost silenced the Kurds with mass arrests in the wake of Mr Ocalan's capture. Over the weekend the number in custody was reported to have reached 1,000.

The Istanbul headquarters of Hadep, a legally recognised Kurdish political party, are surrounded by police armed with machine-guns. While protest has been rife elsewhere in Turkey it has been limited to sporadic street violence.

"People here are too scared to talk. The police arrested one of my friends yesterday," said one Kurd living in the *gazebos*, the desperately poor shanty towns where Istanbul's destitute live. He says he came here after security forces burned his village in the south-east.

"The Kurds are always either killed or being killed," says Mr Yilmaz. "The Kurdish people want peace, but there is no answer when we ask for our rights. There is only one way to fight." Mr Yilmaz angrily rejects the suggestion that Mr Ocalan is a terrorist. "Isn't it clear that he's a leader fighting for his people's democratic freedom? They say he killed 37,000 people but that's not true. It's a war. The government has all sorts of weapons but the Kurds have only their hearts. I think if anyone calls him a terrorist they are practising terrorism against the Kurds."

Mr Yilmaz is unimpressed by the Turkish government's offer of partial amnesty for PKK guerrillas who surrender. "There are thousands of guerrillas in the mountains. They will fight to the end. They will never give up their freedom."

### IN BRIEF

#### General leading in Nigeria poll

THE PEOPLES Democratic Party of retired General Olusegun Obasanjo, a presidential hopeful, had a comfortable lead in elections for the National Assembly in northern and eastern Nigeria yesterday with about one-third of the votes counted, radio reports quoting election officials said.

#### Brothers' death-row gamble

CONVICTED KILLERS Karl and Walter LaGrand have rejected dying in Phoenix, Arizona, by painless injection and opted for an agonising death by cyanide fumes. The brothers hope it will stop them from becoming the first Germans to be executed in the US, on grounds that the gas is "cruel and unusual punishment" and unconstitutional.

#### Sudan leader talks of secession

THE PRESIDENT of Sudan, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, has said he is ready to let the south secede if that would end the 15-year civil war. State television on Saturday quoted Mr Bashir as saying he would try to preserve the unity of the mainly Muslim north and the Christian and animist south but that secession was better than war.

#### Further talks on Gibraltar

BRITAIN AND Spain held inconclusive talks over the disputed colony of Gibraltar yesterday, agreeing only to hold more meetings. "There was no breakthrough," a senior British official said after talks between the nations' foreign ministers in Luxembourg.

# Pakistan and India soothe nuclear fears

IN THEIR summit meeting in Lahore, the first to be held on Pakistani soil for ten years, the prime ministers of Pakistan and India took steps yesterday to allay the world's fears that south Asia has become a dangerous new nuclear flashpoint.

In what they called the Lahore Declaration, signed in imperial grandeur in the Lahore governor's residence under the eyes of long-dead British governors of undivided Punjab, they pledged their two nations to "a vision of peace and stability ... and of progress and prosperity for their peoples".

They also vowed to take "immediate steps" to reduce "the risk of accidental or unauthorised use of nuclear weapons" - without further elaboration.

In a memorandum of understanding released at the same time, they promised to give each other advance notice of ballistic missile flights, and to abide by their existing respective moratoriums on nu-

By PETER POPHAM  
in Lahore

clear testing, unless circumstances dictated otherwise. According to India's Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, the comprehensive Test Ban Treaty was discussed but no decision was taken on signing it.

Although described as the most important political breakthrough between the two countries for one-quarter of a century, the agreement was otherwise long on tender sentiment but short on fresh concrete initiatives. As had been predicted, the feud over Kashmir was addressed only for the purpose of side-stepping it, though the premiers promised to "intensify the dialogue process" over the state's future.

But even on the question of nuclear security, the statements were vague. "At the time of the nuclear blasts, I was reminded of the poem I wrote when I visited Hiroshima and Nagasaki," he said. "I want

to make it clear that those bombs were used not for defence and they are still a source of suffering to people who are still leading very difficult lives. We want a nuclear-free world. We will not use nuclear

weapons. We want to build friendship."

At the joint press conference, Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, like the businessman that he is, spoke more bluntly and to the point of the

need to "comprehensively recreate our relationship ... we must bring peace and prosperity to south Asia. We owe this to the future generations."

Outside, the crowds were circling over a city whose calm was not all it appeared. Earlier in the day more than 20 people were injured in clashes between police and protesters belonging to Jamaat-i-Islami Party. Elsewhere in the city thousands of riot police and soldiers clamped

a sullen peace on the city. After his historic bus ride from India to Pakistan, Mr Vajpayee went home the fast way - by aircraft - from a country whose commitment to neighbourly amity is still less than total.

India's Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee (left) and his Pakistani counterpart, Nawaz Sharif, showing goodwill in Lahore yesterday

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£2,500 or more	Monthly	5.56	5.70	4.44	5.37	5.50	4.29
£10,000 - £24,999	Monthly	5.46	5.60	4.37	5.27	5.40	4.22
£5,000 - £9,999	Monthly	5.37	5.50	4.29	5.17	5.30	4.14
£1,000 or more	Annually	5.75	5.75	4.60	5.25	4.20	
£5,000 or more	Monthly	5.60	5.75	4.48	5.13	5.25	4.10
£100,000 or more	Annually	5.70	5.70	4.56	5.20	4.16	
£25,000 - £99,999	Annually	5.30	5.30	4.24	4.75	4.38	
£10,000 - £24,999	Annually	5.25	5.25	4.20	4.70	3.76	
£1,000 - £9,999	Annually	4.55	4.55	3.64	4.10	4.10	3.28
£100,000 or more	Monthly	5.56	5.70	4.44	5.08	5.20	4.06
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£5,000 - £9,999	Monthly	4.46	4.55	3.57	4.02	4.10	3.22
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# Germans invite wrath of EU farmers

GERMANY HAS tabled the toughest set of proposals yet for reforming the Common Agricultural Policy, in a move likely to pave the way for cuts on the British budget rebate, according to a document sent to European Union ministers.

The paper outlines plans which could provoke a crisis in Germany's relationship with France, which is resisting more farmland CAP reform.

But the document will also antagonise London by targeting "windfall benefits" of the budget rebate, and Madrid, by questioning whether nations deemed rich enough to join the euro, like Spain, should be eligible for cohesion funds designed to aid the most backward areas.

Bonn is likely to say reduced spending on agriculture, from

BY STEPHEN CASTLE  
in Brussels

which the UK benefits relatively little, will remove much of the justification for the rebate.

Germany, which holds the EU presidency, is the biggest EU paymaster, contributing £2bn a year. Chancellor Gerhard Schröder is determined to reach a deal next month which will cut Bonn's bills.

Its proposal will confirm the fears of much of the EU's agricultural sector, calling for a freeze on spending at 1999 levels between 2000 and 2006.

Worse, from France's perspective, the document still presses for "certain forms of co-financing", under which a proportion of spending on agriculture comes directly from national coffers. This has been

rejected by Paris on principle.

Bonn wants to set a ceiling on CAP expenditure for the 15 EU nations at 40.5bn euros (£35bn) a year (the current spending) on average for the years 2000-2006. Under the Agenda 2000 proposals, suggested by the European Commission, guaranteed prices for beet, cereals and dairy products will be cut to a level closer to world prices, but farmers will be paid compensation to make up for the drop in revenue.

Germany thinks it has support for plans to cut that compensation, year on year. That is significant because, once the reforms are completed, compensation payments could constitute the majority of CAP payments.

The paper says: "In the event of higher ceilings being

required in the initial years of the new financial perspective, this would result in an amount lower than the average at the end of the period."

The paper says it expects the decreasing cost of farm support "visible at the end of the present period for the EU 15 to continue after 2006". France has accepted the idea of "degressive" spending but expected the idea of co-financing to be shelved in return, and reform of the dairy sector to be scaled down.

With no hint of compromise from Bonn, France may be close to provoking a confrontation with Germany at a one-day summit of heads of government due on Friday. Germany is likely to say CAP reform will make the rationale for the British rebate redundant, because the mechanism

was conceived in 1984 to redress the fact that the UK gains relatively little from EU farming support.

On the British rebate, the paper calls for adjustments resulting in the "neutralisation of 'windfall' benefits", and definition of the areas of "allocated expenditure" covered by the budget, worth £2bn a year on average. That is code for a move to take the costs of enlarging the EU out of the spending for which the UK is given a rebate.

The paper mentions "possible phasing-in/phasing-out arrangements" and Bonn is expected to press for a year-on-year reduction in the value of the mechanism.

The "windfall" refers to the fact that current spending in Central and Eastern Europe is not covered by the rebate, to qualify as the most deprived.

which encompasses only spending within the EU, but will be when the new countries join. Britain argues that, although this is the case, the UK will still be worse off after enlargement because of the costs of an expanded CAP and increased structural funds. But Bonn makes clear it is looking for reductions "in several stages, starting in 2000".

The paper also takes a tough line on "structural assistance" for poor areas, tabling one option which would limit spending to 1.75bn euros over the period, compared with the European Commission plan for 2.15bn euros. It wants support for favoured areas which no longer qualify phased out more quickly than the Commission plans: four years for areas which used to qualify as the most deprived.

It adds that, for regions no longer eligible, "phasing-out must be limited in extent". It suggests it should "begin in all cases in 2000 and would last for a shorter duration than proposed by the Commission", with help being "degressive in equal annual steps".

On cohesion funding it argues that if states that qualify for grants are in the eurozone, "participation in the single currency cannot be totally overlooked when considering the situation of countries benefiting from the cohesion fund".

That reflects a view prevalent in Bonn that nations such as Spain should not be able to argue that their economy is strong enough to share a currency with Germany yet also needs big subsidies.

■ Much of central Brussels

will resemble a war zone today as razor wire, water cannon and police are deployed to prevent 30,000 farmers laying siege to the EU headquarters.

The farmers are expected to bring the city to a standstill in their protest over CAP reforms. Much of Brussels' European quarter was boarded up yesterday after police distributed leaflets urging shops and offices to close. Householders were advised to stay in, to board up windows and to remove anything that could be used as a weapon or a missile.

A grocer's near the EU headquarters was instructed to black out euro symbols on his shopfront which, it was feared, might inflame passions even more.

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## Kafkaesque world of a French social experiment

FRANCE IS in the midst of a great social experiment – the mandatory reduction of working hours – which may or may not point the way forward for all industrialised societies in the 21st century.

The concept is simple: if we all work less, there will be more jobs for all. The implications are kafkaesque. How do you reduce a train ticket inspector's weekly hours to 35 when he officially works 39 but actually only works 25? How do you enforce such a law at a time of increasing global competition, without handicapping business and, in the long term, losing jobs?

All the policies pushed by Lionel Jospin's centre-left coalition government, the 35-hour week was the one which was to mark Jospinism from the other brands of remodelled centre-leftism now on offer (Clintonism, Blairism and Schröderism). It was also the policy which was to make or break the career of its main sponsor, the employment minister Martine Aubry (the daughter of Jacques Delors).

Eight months after the introduction of the first, voluntary phase of the reform, the results have been confusing and perverse. In the area in which Ms Aubry hoped to have most impact – the creation of jobs – the effects have been minimal. Even on the most optimistic reading of the figures, 21,000 jobs have been created, with another 40,000 expected this year. Ms Aubry had spoken of generating 500,000, even 600,000 jobs. Even after the law is fully and compulsorily applied, from the end of this year, her de-

BY JOHN LICHFIELD  
in Paris

partment now estimates officially that a more realistic target would be 100,000 to 200,000 jobs over three or four years.

To put that in context, the 1997-8 French economic boom, now fading, created 300,000 jobs during last year alone.

On the other hand, the law, detested and fiercely opposed by most French employers, has proved an unexpected benefit to those companies willing and clever enough to make use of the small print. The framework law allows companies to negotiate annual or monthly, rather than weekly, working patterns. It recommends that employees should not lose take-home pay or pay rises but gives no guarantees.

In practice, many of the 2,000 agreements negotiated so far have forced the employees to accept a pay freeze for up to three years. In return for working an average of four hours less each week, the employees have frequently accepted more flexible, monthly or annual, working patterns and the abolition of long-held privileges such as coffee and shower-breaks. In the legendarily frozen world of French working practices, this represents a considerable advance for employers (de not in the direction the government promised).

The reduced social charges offered to businesses to take on more workers in return for shorter working hours have been grabbed in four out of 10 cases by companies that cheerfully admit that they were plan-



Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister, meets a worker at a glass factory near Paris where a shorter, 35-hour, working week will lead to 80 new jobs. Joel Rabinov/AF

ning to expand in any case. The cost of each job created so far is estimated at £5,000; since the subsidies are payable, in reducing amounts, over five years, the final cost of each job will be around £25,000. As the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development pointed out, it might have made more sense – and created more jobs – if the government had invested its cash in cutting business taxes for everyone.

A further can of worms – the wholesale application of the 35-hour week to the public sector – remains to be opened. A report last week showed that tens of thousands of railway

workers, although nominally on a 39-hour week, work as little as 25 to 29 hours a week. An earlier report showed that many civil servants work only 31 to 34 hours a week. Public service unions are expecting the four hours reduction to apply, pro rata, to their members; they are also demanding the creation of new public sector jobs – the last thing the French economy needs.

Officials at the employment ministry insist that the great experiment will be a success, but it may take seven years before the full benefits are seen. The problem is that Ms Aubry does not have seven years. Her work will be judged in the presiden-

tial election, three years from now. As the French economy slows, the failure of the 35-hour week to generate large numbers of instant jobs will become even more apparent.

And yet, in one sense, the employment officials may be right. Employment experts say that the 35-hour law is transforming the French social landscape.

By breaking down entrenched and ossified patterns of labour, and by freezing salaries, it could help French business to become more competitive in the long run. This – at huge, short-term cost to the public purse – may be its greatest, and accidental, legacy.

### IS THE 35-HOUR WEEK A WINNER?

#### The postal worker

Since October, Francoise Fournier, a 36-year-old mother of three, has been delivering the post for one day less each week and taking home the same pay. Every six weeks, she is guaranteed a three day weekend. "I see my children a bit more," she said. "I can organise trips with them, help them with their homework. It's one day less that I have to pay for a babysitter and the school canteen."

Four extra people have

been hired to do the rounds from her postal depot at L'Isle-Adam in the Parisian suburbs. The complete reorganisation of work schedules, with more flexible working hours, means that customers are getting a better service than before, at minimal extra cost to La Poste. Everybody seems to win.

#### The bus driver

Michel is a 42-year-old bus driver in Poitiers. He, too, works a day less most weeks

for the same pay but he is not a happy man. "Before, I used to get a break half way through my shift and grab a sandwich or a coffee. Now I have to drive seven hours in a row. By the end of the week, I can feel my concentration ebbing away. With the help of government subsidies, the Poitiers bus company has taken on a few extra drivers but not as many as the unions had hoped. Nobody seems to have won very much."

## Eiffel Tower going underground

BY JOHN LICHFIELD

THE EIFFEL TOWER is to be enlarged downwards.

Inspired by the commercial success of the underground access to the Louvre, the city of Paris is planning a subterranean gallery of shops, restaurants and ticket-booths below the tower. The complex will also include a museum, a creche, a car park and offices.

Although the tower has

more paying visitors than any other monument in the world – 3,600,000 tickets were sold last year or an average of 10,000 a day – its cramped access points and outdoor ticket-booths have been substantially unchanged for more than a century.

The city and the tower's management company want

to provide somewhere for tourists to queue out of the wind and rain. They also want to provide them with more opportunities to spend money.

Despite its popularity, the tower has a relatively modest turnover of £20m a year and makes an annual profit of £2m.

Work is expected to begin at the end of next year, to avoid clashing with millennium cele-

brations, and be completed by the middle of 2003.

The creation of an underground access and shopping gallery at the Louvre, topped by a glass pyramid to provide natural light, has led to a sharp increase in the number of visitors. Tenders for architects

plans for a matching access to the Eiffel Tower will be invited in the next few weeks.

A GROUP representing 500,000 Poles forced into slave labour by the Nazis said yesterday that it will sue the German government and some companies if they do not get satisfactory compensation offers soon.

The Association of Poles injured by the Third Reich wants Germany to declare "as soon as possible" which companies will contribute to a compensation

fund being set up in response to United States lawsuits and how much money will be available for slave labourers, starting on 1 September.

The fund could total as much as \$4.6bn (£2.9bn), according to Michael Witt, a German lawyer for former slave workers and their descendants.

Mr Gawlikowski said his group wanted Poles to get the same amount of compensation as Americans and Israelis. He said the minimum would be 10,000 German marks (£3,486) for each of the 500,000 surviving slave labourers and Second World War concentration camp inmates.

"If Germany's decision is positive, we will accept it, but if Poles are treated worse than other nationals, then we will use other ways, including lawsuits," he said. (AP)

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# BUSINESS

## BRIEFING

### Pay rises on a downward trend

PAY SETTLEMENTS are falling significantly across the economy, according to the latest survey from the Confederation of British Industry. Manufacturing settlements averaged 3 per cent between November and January, compared with 3.5 per cent in the three months to October, while in the service sector pay settlements average 3.7 per cent, compared with 4.4 per cent in the previous three months.

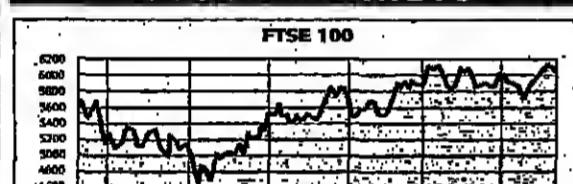
### FSA names new ombudsman

THE Financial Services Authority has named Andreas Whittam Smith (left), president of the British Board of Film Classification and founder of The Independent, as the chairman of the board for the City's new single ombudsman scheme. The board, which will oversee the integration of eight financial services ombudsman as well as run the single scheme, also includes Michael Barnes, formerly the Legal Services Ombudsman; Pearson director Maggie Lee; Oonagh McDonald, director of the investors' compensation scheme and John Rawlings, Skipton building society's vice-chairman.

### Lucas bidder slims management

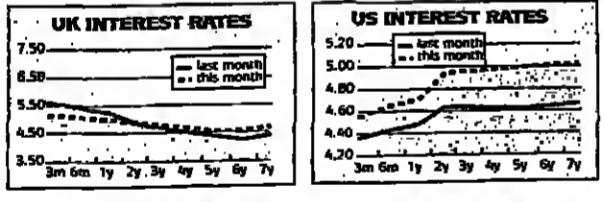
TRW, the American engineering group bidding \$6.5bn for LucasVarity, is eliminating the position of president and chief operating officer in anticipation of the integration of the British autoparts group. TRW said yesterday that the president and chief operating officer Peter Helmholz would leave at the end of the month, and TRW's major businesses would now report directly to chairman and chief executive officer Joseph Gorman. Under TRW's offer, LucasVarity's chief executive Victor Rice would become vice chairman at TRW.

### STOCK MARKETS



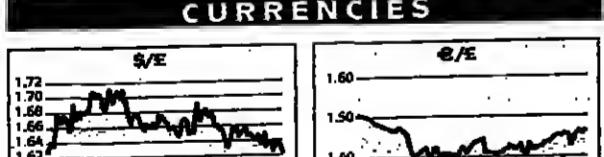
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FTSE 100	6021.20	+80.50	+1.35	+6195.6	4599.2	3,658.9	4.56%
FTSE 250	5173.10	+14.50	+0.28	+5970.9	4242.5	3,237.1	3.73%
FTSE 350	2850.50	+31.00	+1.10	+3570.1	2104.4	2,737.0	3.73%
FTSE All Share	2764.70	+29.29	+1.07	+2686.57	2143.53	2,778.0	3.59%
FTSE SmallCap	2245.10	+12.10	+0.54	+2758.8	1834.4	3,596.4	3.59%
FTSE MidCap	2277.90	+5.10	+0.42	+1517.1	1046.2	4,409.0	4.40%
FTSE AIM	820.40	+6.60	+0.80	+1146.9	761.3	1,158.1	1.58%
FTSE European 100	2765.05	+85.95	+3.22	+3079.27	2019.15	2,126.0	2.126%
FTSE European 300	1204.50	+11.60	+0.97	+1332.07	880.63	2,015.0	2.015%
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Nikkei	14098.60	+124.35	+0.89	+17252.35	12787.9	1,031.0	1.031%
Hang Seng	9254.12	+171.30	+1.82	+11926.16	6544.79	3,794.0	3.794%
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S&P 500	1329.16	+9.03	0.73	+1288.64	923.32	1,288.0	1.288%
Naasdaq	2263.44	+38.45	+1.68	+2533.44	1357.09	2,285.0	2.285%
Toronto 300	6409.50	+26.19	+0.38	+7637.7	5320.9	1,658.0	1.658%
Brazil Bovespa	9013.15	+50.85	+0.68	+12339.14	4575.69	6,873.0	6,873%
Belgium Bel20	3416.20	+27.04	+0.80	+3213.21	2669.71	2,078.0	2,078%
Amsterdam Exch	517.63	+5.70	+1.09	+600.65	366.58	1,899.0	1.899%
France CAC 40	4130.48	+70.12	+1.73	+4404.94	2881.21	1,952.0	1,952%
Milan MIB30	34384.00	+532.00	+1.57	+3917.0	24175.1	1,188.0	1,188%
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Irish Overall	5739.53	+11.80	+0.23	+5581.7	3732.57	1,495.0	1,495%
5 Korea Composite	522.18	+1.81	+0.35	+651.95	277.37	0.983.0	0.983%
Australia ASX	2924.30	+34.80	+1.20	+2948.7	2986.7	3,149.0	3,149%

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Index	3 months	Yr chg.	1 year	10 year	20 year	Long bond	5 year	
UK	5.44	+2.13	5.29	-2.27	4.39	-1.56	4.38	-1.53
US	5.00	-0.63	5.25	-0.41	5.07	-0.44	5.38	-0.47
Japan	0.28	-0.58	0.30	-0.52	1.87	-0.04	2.97	0.45
Germany	3.08	-0.42	3.03	-0.72	3.90	-1.05	4.83	-0.70



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\$/£		€/£	
1.72		1.60	
1.68		1.55	
1.64		1.50	
1.62		1.45	
1.60		1.40	
1.56		1.35	
1.52		1.30	
1.48		1.25	
1.44		1.20	
1.40		1.15	
1.36		1.10	
1.32		1.05	
1.28		1.00	
1.24		0.95	
1.20		0.90	
1.16		0.85	
1.12		0.80	
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1.04		0.70	
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News Analysis: Electra bid row has crystallised divisions in industry which City regards as needing radical overhaul

# Struggle begins for future of trusts

WHEN THE 37-year-old head of an industry trade association suggests in print that a company in his own industry, and a member of the association to boot, "caused its own downfall", then it's not surprising that the 66-year-old chairman of the company concerned should react angrily.

Michael Stoddart, chairman of Electra Investment Trust, says he is "furious" with Daniel Godfrey after the youthful director general of the Association of Investment Trust Companies (AITC) was quoted in the *Financial Times* as blaming Electra for "failing to market themselves to private investors.

BY JOHN WILLCOCK

which is why they are now in this situation".

He says of the article: "Mr Godfrey has caused me a huge amount of embarrassment by saying it was our own fault."

"I was meant to have retired last Wednesday," Mr Stoddart says, adding that he is reluctant to hand over to his successor Brian Williamson, chairman of Life, while the present row rumbles on.

Although the Electra chairman insists that "I'm not having a battle with the AITC," the damage has been done. The row has crystallised the divisions in



Michael Stoddart (left), chairman of Electra Investment Trust, is 'furious' with Daniel Godfrey, director of the AITC, who was quoted as accusing Electra of 'failing to market themselves to private investors'

an industry which many regard as at best needing radical overhaul, and at worst, an anachronistic hangover from Empire.

The "situation" which the deliberately provocative Mr Godfrey was referring to is 37's hostile bid for Electra at 705p a share, valuing it at £1.2bn.

Last Wednesday Electra's board rejected the bid and as an alternative launched a buyback of 40 per cent of its shares at approximately its current net asset value (NAV). The trust would then be wound up over the next five years.

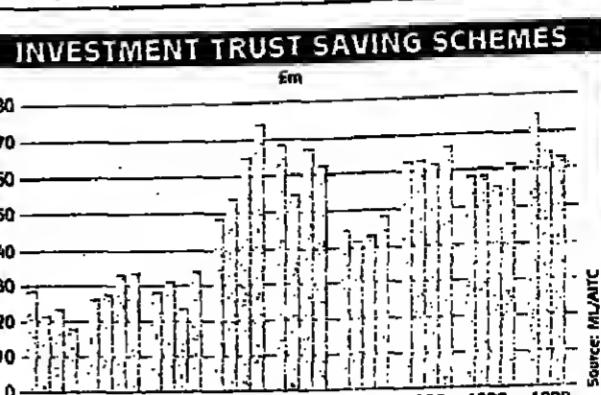
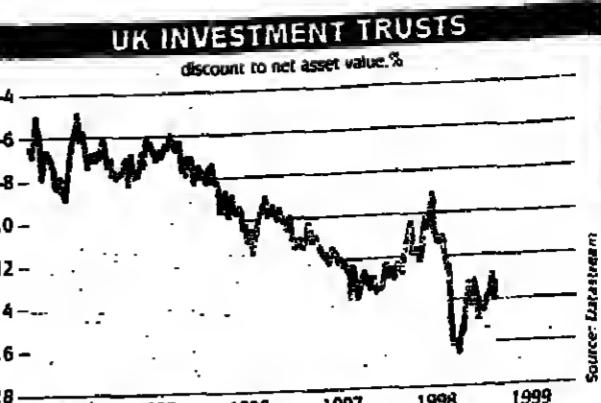
The reason that investment trusts have become so unpopu-

lar in the Square Mile is that their shares seem to trade at an even bigger discount to NAV as the years go by.

In 1994 the average discount for UK investment trusts stood at around 3 per cent. This has ballooned to 16 per cent today, provoking people like Mr Godfrey to urge radical action.

The young Turk of the AITC declares: "There are two main solutions: giving shareholders their money back, through a buy-back or restructuring, or finding new buyers for investment trusts."

There is at least one thing Mr Godfrey and Mr Stoddart do agree on: how investment



trusts have come to this pass. As Mr Stoddart puts it: "Investment trusts grew up in the early part of the 20th century, when institutions were a lot smaller than they are today."

"They wouldn't have, say, their own operations in North America or Japan. In those days investment trusts saved institutions from having their own overseas departments."

"Now institutions are bigger and they do their own investing around the world. So they don't need investment trusts in the same way."

Investment trusts have the added bonus of giving retail investors a route into venture capital, which they wouldn't have otherwise, Mr Stoddart adds.

Mr Godfrey and Mr Stoddart are also at one in complaining that many institutions are unsupportive shareholders. "They only stay in because they are trapped by the big discounts and capital gains tax liabilities," says Mr Godfrey. As soon as the discounts narrow they sell out - sending discounts back up again.

There are a few exceptions to this rule. Fleming, where Mr Godfrey used to be marketing director, has launched the Fleming Claverhouse trust for retail investors, which actually trades at a premium at the moment - 0.89 per cent.

Part of Mr Godfrey's solution for the £6.1bn investment trust industry is to shift between £7.5bn and £20bn of stock from institutional shareholders to retail investors over the next few years.

"Too many institutional shareholders are not there for the long term," he says. "They just feel trapped by discounts and capital gains."

Such a move would have a big impact on Electra, where institutions represent 85 per cent of all shareholders.

Mr Stoddart is sensitive to the charge that Electra hasn't done enough to encourage the small investor. "We have just

started a savings scheme," he says, a trend which has taken off in recent years (see chart) but which Mr Godfrey believes still has a long way to go.

As is the way of things, Mr Godfrey reacted to the "caused own downfall" headline by writing a letter to the *Financial Times* saying that he never said such a thing. He also denies that his remarks were comments on a bid battle.

He was merely responding to comments by Mr Stoddart on the investment industry as a whole, he said.

And Mr Stoddart also protested that he hadn't said that "the whole investment trust industry was under siege", only that "some" parts were.

Not everyone is gloomy about the outlook. Philip Middleton, a top-rated investment trust analyst at Merrill Lynch, is upbeat about prospects for the sector.

Mr Middleton thinks that share buybacks will continue until discounts narrow, and notes that Scottish Eastern has recently proposed to hand back £1bn to investors.

Mr Middleton says: "The advent of LISAs (Lifetime Individual Savings Accounts) could well be good news for the sector. This has the potential to provide a ready-made answer to the sector's search for a mass-market pensions product."

Mr Middleton adds: "Overall, value remains good... whilst recent interest rate cuts will boost demand."

Meanwhile, Mr Stoddart remains robust in his defence of Electra. "We floated 23 years ago this month, at the equivalent of 25p a share, and now we're trading at 68.5p, which isn't a bad rate of return. We are totally dedicated to shareholder value."

Whether this represents an epitaph or a brave new beginning will depend both on the industry's willingness to change and the City's patience while it does so.



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## WHAT THE PAPERS SAID

A ROUND-UP OF SUNDAY BUSINESS STORIES

### THE INDEPENDENT (SUNDAY)

■ Speculation is growing that David Montgomery, the former chief executive of Mirror Group, may stage a dramatic return to the newspaper with a takeover bid, possibly with American financial backing. Mr Montgomery played down the rumours last week.

### The Observer

### THE SUNDAY TIMES

■ Monsanto obtained copies of confidential European Commission documents ahead of a meeting in 1998 which approved milk from cattle treated with its bovine growth hormone (BST), according to Canadian government documents. The US biotech giant is also under fire in America, where it is pursuing farmers through the courts for not paying licence fees on its seeds.

### The Sunday Telegraph

■ The Government is set to announce a flotation of a 49 per cent stake in British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) within the next month, although the sale may raise less than the expected £1.5bn as institutions use new energy regulations to argue for a lower price.

### SUNDAY BUSINESS

■ A global price war could wipe out profits at Weetabix,

the breakfast cereal maker, according to the Oxfam-listed company's annual report which will be sent out to shareholders this week.

■ Unilever is expected to use its £6bn cash pile to launch a £1.5bn-£2bn share buyback when the Anglo-Dutch consumer giant announces its full-year figures on Tuesday.

### The Observer

### THE SUNDAY TIMES

■ Laura Ashley may be taken private by its 40 per cent shareholder Malaysian United Industries in a bid to radically restructure the ailing fashion retailer.

However, Malaysian curbs on overseas investment could prevent any takeover move in the immediate future.

### The Sunday Mail

■ The £3bn privatisation of British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL) could be delayed by row between the Department of Trade and Industry and the KPMG team, which has been looking into the options for selling off BNFL. KPMG's final report is expected to recommend a flotation, which could prompt the Government to request further studies and may mean any proceeds from the sell-off might not reach the Treasury before the next general election.

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# Policy shift might yet save Japan

MUCH OF the Group of Seven economic gathering over the weekend was spent discussing the Japanese economy, and in particular the issue of "monetisation" by the Bank of Japan (BoJ).

A policy shift in this direction has been urged on the Japanese authorities by Paul Krugman, professor of economics at MIT, for over a year and in recent weeks the US Treasury seems to have warmed to the idea – admittedly as a last resort option – reflecting the fact that Japan seems to be lurching towards outright depression.

Despite the fact that the BoJ has repeatedly rejected the option of monetisation as too dangerous in the past few months, their policy board meeting a week ago seems to have moved substantially in this direction, and the Ministry of Finance – although interestingly not BoJ governor Hayami – has been openly talking as if this button has now been pressed. It is still dubious whether in fact it really has been pressed, but if it has, what does it mean?

Monetisation means exactly what it sounds like – the central bank would directly expand the rate of growth of the money supply, in effect "printing money". In a modern economy, this would probably not involve physically turning over the printing presses more rapidly, although it might. Instead, the central bank would simply buy bonds



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Although the Bank of Japan has rejected 'monetisation', it now seems to have moved in this direction

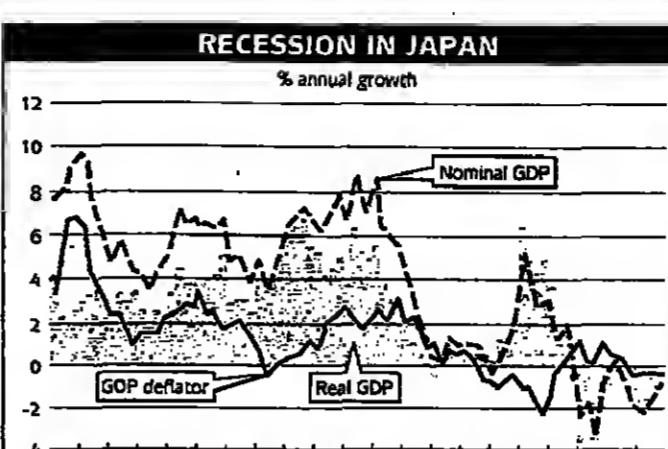
from the commercial banks, crediting the latter with an increase in their bank balances at the BoJ. The rate of growth in the "monetary base" – the total of cash plus bankers' deposits at the BoJ – would thereby be directly boosted.

Monetarist economists such as Milton Friedman have always contended that such a policy is appropriate when an economy, like Japan today, is headed into deflation. In such circumstances, cuts in nominal interest rates cannot keep pace with the decline in prices, so real interest rates rise unintentionally. Interestingly, non-monetarists such as Professor Krugman have re-

cently taken up a similar battle cry, believing that this is the only way of increasing inflation expectations enough to get real interest rates down. Professor Krugman believes that real rates in Japan today are higher than the real rate of return on capital, so investment in plant and equipment will continue to shrink until real rates are cut.

As we have seen, the most likely way of implementing such a policy would be for the BoJ to step up its direct purchases of government bonds. But central banks often buy government bonds in the marketplace, so how would this be different from usual? The difference lies in the crucial fact that the BoJ, under a policy of monetisation, would not sterilise the effects of the bond purchases by subsequently selling short-dated bills back into the market.

In the past 12 months, the BoJ has been a heavy buyer of bonds, but has always sterilised these purchases by subsequently selling enough bills into the market to keep overnight interest rates in the region of 0.25–0.5 per cent. The net effect of these operations has been that private sector banks have held fewer long term bonds than otherwise would have been the case, and have instead held more short term bills. This has reduced long term interest rates, and has increased the liquidity of the banking system. But the monetary base has not been affected.



Under "monetisation", the BoJ would still buy bonds, but would not sell bills back into the marketplace to drain the money markets. As a result, money would be left sloshing around the system, the overnight rate would fall to zero, and the growth of the monetary base would increase sharply. For example, if the BoJ "monetised" by buying bonds worth 1.5 per cent of GDP from the banks, this would boost the growth of the monetary base by 15 per cent. Something of this order might be under consideration by the BoJ for the coming year. But the key question is whether even this would have a dramatic effect on the economy.

Certainly, the simple act of cutting short rates from 0.25 per cent to zero would not make much difference to the growth of demand. So what other effects might there be?

First, the banking sector would be left holding money instead of very short dated bills as a result of the shift towards monetisation. This would further increase the liquidity of the banking system, but only by a slight amount. It is possible that banks might be induced to lend on to the corporate sector, or perhaps to buy foreign assets which would devalue the yen, but it is unclear whether these effects would be very large. After all, does it really matter to a private Japanese bank whether it holds a seven-

day bill drawn on the central bank (earning interest at 0.2 per cent), or an overnight cash deposit at the central bank (earning zero interest)? Probably not – in which case monetisation will have little effect via this route.

Second, the rate of growth of the monetary base will increase under a policy of monetisation. As we have seen, this may make very little difference to the lending behaviour of the banks, in which case the growth of the broader monetary aggregates – "M2 plus CDs" in the case of Japan – will not accelerate. The so-called money multiplier – the relationship between broad and narrow money – will therefore shrink, and there will be little change in bank lending which might boost the spending of households or corporations. However, the very fact that the monetary base is expanding more rapidly might trigger an increase in inflationary expectations, which would in itself tend to increase the growth of demand – especially capital expenditure. This "Krugman effect" would clearly be a useful step in the right direction, though in current deflationary circumstances it would surely not be very large.

Third, and probably most important, a shift toward monetisation would free the hands of the budgetary authorities to engage in a much bigger programme of fiscal expansion by cutting taxes and/or increasing government expenditure.

The most recent dose of fiscal expansion, announced late last year, was heavily undermined by a sharp increase in bond yields, reflecting, in part, concerns about a surge in debt issued by the public sector. The Japanese government's internal national debt is now close to 100 per cent of GDP, and this total is increasing by 10 percentage points per annum – an explosive rate of growth which exceeds even that in Brazil or Russia.

There are strict limits to the scope for further fiscal action if this is to be financed in the normal way by the issuance of government bonds to the public. But if instead it is financed directly by central bank monetisation, there need be no increase in the bond issue as the government increases its budgetary injection, and therefore no problem with either the debt burden or rising long term bond yields. This means that a money-financed increase in the budget deficit becomes feasible, and is clearly the preferred way to restore growth in the economy.

Paradoxically, it therefore turns out that the main effects of a shift towards a monetarist solution are not monetary at all, but could still turn out to be crucial via their links to the Keynesian wing of policy – budgetary expansion. Provided the Japanese authorities recognise this, a move towards monetisation might be the start of better times.

## Brown warns G7 against protectionism



Gordon Brown (right) talks with Oskar Lafontaine prior to the opening of the G7 summit on Saturday AP

THE CHANCELLOR Gordon Brown has sounded a warning against the threat of a return to protectionism after this weekend's meeting of the Group of Seven finance ministers revealed deep differences between the leading industrialised nations on how to revive the world's flagging economy.

The United States and Britain rejected German calls for a global managed currency system, insisting that Europe needs to get its own house in order to ensure that the burden of absorbing the impact of the Asian crisis is more evenly shared.

Robert Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, said: "It seems that Europe needs to play a much larger role through fast growth and more open markets."

Finance ministers agreed that since they met last year financial market conditions "have worsened" and that the impact of financial crises is now felt "beyond the regions where the crises occurred".

The Chancellor said the growth outlook has fallen from 4 per cent two years ago to 2 per cent this year. "People are looking to Europe and Asia as well as the US to be the engine of growth."

Dr Tietmeyer said after the meeting that the forum was "not an absolute guarantee that there will be no crisis in the future".

He warned: "We are all agreed that there should be no

BY ANDREW GARFIELD  
Financial Editor, in Bonn

return to protectionism. We are all aware that this is a testing year."

Mr Brown said that he wanted the new round of World Trade Organisation trade liberalisation talks to begin earlier than planned, saying this would be a good signal of the commitment of the major industrialised nations to free trade.

The G7 endorsed proposals from the Bundesbank president Hans Tietmeyer for a new Financial Stability Forum to act as an early warning system against destabilising financial crises.

The 35-strong committee, to be headed by the managing director of the Bank for International Settlements, Andrew Crockett, and composed of officials from the G7 countries, central banks and the main regulatory bodies, will start its work in April.

The forum would initially be limited to G7 members but may be widened later to include other countries.

Dr Tietmeyer said after the meeting that the forum was "not an absolute guarantee that there will be no crisis in the future".

He warned: "We are all agreed that there should be no

protectionism cannot be done by building one new building. We have to improve existing buildings."

The ministers also agreed to try and seek an agreement at this summer's G7 summit in Cologne on aid for highly indebted poor countries.

The Chancellor said on Saturday tabled fresh proposals to speed up debt write-offs, welcomed the move. "It is the strongest statement we have on debt at a G7 summit," he said.

However, the unity on these specific issues was eclipsed by deeper divisions on the broader issues affecting world growth.

Alan Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, the US central bank, dismissed the

German idea of currency bans as unworkable insisting that the way to avoid currency crises was to pursue "sound policies".

While the US and UK got top marks for efforts to keep their economies on even keel, the Europeans were told they needed "an appropriate mix of macroeconomic policies and structural measures aimed at promoting strong and sustainable domestic-led growth and fostering employment".

A US official said afterwards, "in other words the current mix is not appropriate".

A joyful Oskar Lafontaine, the German finance minister who chaired Saturday's meeting, shrugged off the failure of his currency plan.

### Buyout settles Shorterm future

SHORTTERM GROUP a specialist engineering contract employment agency based in the Thames Valley, has been acquired from retiring managing director John White in a £17.5m institutional buyout (IBO) led by Sir Jim Clarke, incoming managing director, was previously head of Hays Contract Personnel. Dr Len Weaver, also introduced to the board by Sir Jim, becomes chairman. The company employs 80 staff and has a turnover of £30m.

### Orders for Jaguar top £200m

JAGUAR has taken firm orders worth more than £200m for its new 150mph S-type sports saloon, which goes on sale next month. The interest in the smaller-than-usual Jag, priced at £28,300, has prompted the Ford-owned carmaker to consider increasing its production run from a planned 40,000 in 1999.

### Computercall sold for £2.48m

ITG GROUP an AIM-listed communications and service provider has bought Computercall, a privately owned UK credit card services company, for £2.48m. The deal follows ITG's purchase of Computers in Ireland last week for £7.65m.

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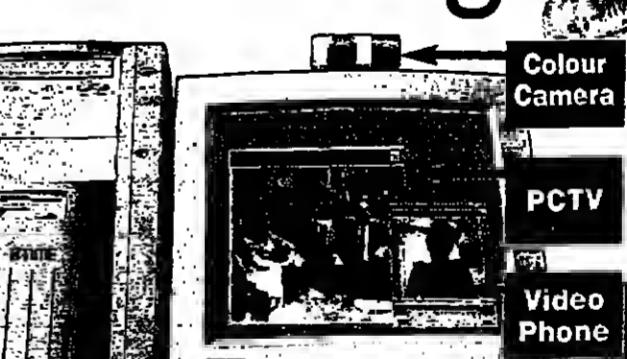
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# Reckoning time for the FTSE big hitters

THE STOCK MARKET will be flooded with a deluge of results over the next five days, with Footsie members set to top the bill for the second week running.

With 15 big-hitters scheduled to unveil figures, dealers will be bracing themselves for some hectic trading in blue-chip shares. Financial stocks will dominate proceedings once again, with the tail-end of the banking season and the start of the insurers' figures set to provide most of the talking points.

NatWest Bank will tomorrow close the high street clearers' reporting period with a bang. Headline pre-tax profits at NatWest are forecast to more than double to over £2bn. However, the figures will be flattered by some £500m of exceptional and from falling losses from the now departed equities business.

Strip those out, and profits should still be over 25 per cent ahead of last year. Good news is expected from the bond-trading unit Greenwich NatWest, which should turn in a profit after much chopping and changing in recent times. The shares have had a good run in 1998, touching a 12-month peak of 1,378p last Tuesday, but some analysts fear a re-rating as pressure remains on UK retail banking.

The Hong Kong Twin Towers - HSBC and Standard Chartered - will lend some oriental spice to the banking feast. The Asian economic turmoil is expected to deliver a huge blow to HSBC's profits, due out today. Bad debts at the owner of Midland Bank are expected to have soared to \$2.5bn from \$1.1bn in the first half. Analysts believe that these provisions will be behind a fall of around 17 per cent in profits to just below \$7bn.

HSBC will also have to come clean over its exposure to real estate in Thailand. Recent reports of "huge" losses in HSBC's Thai loan portfolio triggered a slide in the shares,

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which are now well below their 12-month peak of £20.25p.

Standard Chartered, out on Wednesday, has also been mauled by the Asian tigers. Analysts are shooting for profits of around £80m, a good 20 per cent less than in the previous year. The bad debt burden has however risen almost four-fold to around £200m as the Asian economies failed to recover from their chronic depression.

Shareholders in CGU, the insurance giant born from the marriage of Commercial Union and General Accident, know a thing or two about depression. The stock has underperformed the index by some 30 per cent since the summer as the market took a dim view of the group's prospects. The figures are set to bolster the

**SHARE SPOTLIGHT**  
share price, pence

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doom-mongers. Profits are not expected to be much higher than £550m - down from the £565m in 1997 - although an accounting change will make them look more like £700m.

Expect a severe hit from weather claims after the December storms to depress the general insurance numbers. The cost of last year's merger will also be revealed, with the smart money on a figure of more than £200m.

Wednesday will be "insurance day" with the Prudential set to rival CGU in dealers' affections. Two issues threaten to overshadow the Pru figures.

The first is the start-up costs of Egg, the cracking new low-

charge bank launched at the end of last year. The mooted number of £50m should offset the improvement in the life insurance operations. The other mystery is the size of the Pru's "orphan asset" - a pot of money left in the insurer's coffers which could be returned to shareholders. David Nisbet at BT Alex Brown believes the asset could be worth £1.8bn.

Utilities will provide some much-needed relief from the financial indigestion. BG and Centrica, the offspring of the old British Gas, are linked by talk of a return of cash to shareholders. BG, with fourth-quarter figures tomorrow, could go for a special dividend or share buyback of some £1.5bn later this year to boost its ailing share price. It also has to decide what to do with its very profitable gas pipeline business Transco. A flotation or a restructuring have been mooted in the past and will no doubt be mentioned this week after BG posts an expected increase in profit from £290 to around £350m.

Centrica, the former trading arm of British Gas, on Wednesday could confirm one of the market's favoured rumours - that it is planning a £700m special dividend some time this year, after receiving a £450m payment from

Transco. The unveiling of strong results, say £94m from £86m in 1997, could be the perfect setting for the announcement.

If rapid revenue growth and no profits is what you are after, look on Colt. The telecom operator on Thursday is expected to unveil a 150 per cent rise in revenues to around £210m, thanks to the exponential rise in its European operations. Losses will almost double to around £60m, due to the investment in its European network. But the red ink is unlikely to stop the mega-bull run which has seen Colt soar more than 400 per cent over the past 12 months.

British Aerospace will have to use Thursday's results to reassure the market over the fate of its Al Yamamah arms-for-oil deal. The defence group's denial of last week's rumour that the Saudi government had frozen payments on the contract, which accounts for half of its sales, did not stop a slide in the share price. BAe will also have to dispel fears that the fall in the stock could dent its cash and paper takeover of GEC Marconi. The figures should be solid, with profits of, say, around £675m against £596m, underpinned by healthy orders from the Airbus consortium.

Two "consumer stocks" will fall under the market spotlight this week. Cadbury Schweppes will report an increase in profits to around £600m after a week of rumours of a deal with Hershey, the US chocolate-maker. An update on the sale of its non-US drinks to Coca-Cola would also sweeten the market.

Unilever the Persil-to-Vaseline group, will have to wash out the market's fears over some tough trading conditions in emerging markets. Questions on ice-cream sales in Brazil and washing powder turnover in Thailand could overshadow the 1998 profits, set to come in at around £2.80bn up from £2.4bn.

The British association has taken legal action against PGA Tour Inc of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, for using the logos "PGA" and "PGA Tour" on golf clothing and other merchandise currently being sold in the UK.

The association says it was

the first professional body to be formed for golfers anywhere in the world when it was founded in 1901. It was incorporated in 1984 and claims "PGA" has become recognised as a distinctive name or mark.

The PGA says the American

firm is involved in the promotion of professional golf in the US, but has never done so in the UK.

The British association says

it wrote to the American firm in July last year complaining about the alleged trademark infringement and asking it either to stop using the trademark or enter into a licensing deal with the PGA.

"No response has been re-

ceived to such a letter," the as-

sociation said, so it launched its

suit against the Florida firm

through the UK courts this

month.

Pitney Bowes, the American-owned postal franking machine giant, has launched legal action against four UK firms and six individuals over alleged misuse of confidential client information.

The company, which has a

\$4bn market in operating me-

chanical postal meters for busi-

nesses in the US alone, is

taking action against firms in

Liverpool, Bolton and Man-

chester, and Black.

The firms, which include

Renshaw Birch of Oriel House,

Oriel Road, Bootle, and FP

Mailing Systems (North West)

of Portland Street, Manchester,

have gone to the High Court in

London to have the fees paid by

Winchester to its solicitors,

RD Black, reviewed.

Over half a million pounds

worth of fees charged by RD

Black between 4 February 1998

and 2 December will be exam-

ined by a court Taxing Master

to decide whether they are too

high or not. This is a routine

procedure with large legal bills.

Pitney Bowes is also alleging

that the defendants infringed

the company's copyright.

The disputed information

includes names and addresses of

Pitney Bowes customers,

what contract arrangements

they have with Pitney Bowes,

even down to what each cus-

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Ryanair claimed that its fare

for Frankfurt started from £69

compared with BA's £274.

The fare to Genoa started at £129 for

Ryanair; compared with £560 for

BA, the Dublin-based group

claimed.

Last week BA responded by

suing Ryanair for infringing its

registered trade mark and ac-

using it of "publishing malici-

ous falsehood" in the Evening

Standard.

Ryanair, which advertises

itself as "the low fares airline",

is defending the action.

Liquidators from KPMG

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Commodities after a Japanese

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22 February 1999



Lawrence Dallaglio (second from right), England's captain, takes time with his pack to consider longer-term strategies as Scotland claw their way back into the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham

David Ashdown

## England seeking new identity

THERE WAS never an afternoon like it. All four home countries played in London on Saturday, making it a unique occasion, unlikely to be repeated. The sun shone on the 151,000 who packed the grandstands at Twickenham and Wembley, creating conditions ideal for entertaining rugby, and artistry was applauded on both fields. Yet there was a puzzling aspect to the day.

One of those four nations, of course, was playing on its own turf. But, the way things turned out, who knew which? Even when the final whistle blew on an England victory at the RFU's majestic headquarters, there was little in the tentative acclaim by a full house to suggest that this had been a home win, achieved by dint of struggle.

While at Wembley, where the temporarily homeless Welsh were nominally the hosts, the ground's proximity to Kilburn High Road ensured that this was virtually a home fixture for the Irish, who celebrated their win long and loud.

As for the English, perhaps you could hardly blame them for the muted greeting they gave Lawrence Dallaglio – those few of them who were left, that is – as he climbed to the Royal Box to accept the Calcutta Cup for the 10th year in a row.

Supporters who have grown used to the legend of the Carling era, to visions of white shirts slicing effortlessly through the opposition, are



**RICHARD WILLIAMS**  
AT TWICKENHAM

unprepared for the gritty, flawed reality of a match such as this.

Afterwards, the England captain and his coach, Clive Woodward, opted for a realistic attitude and got their apologies in first. "We didn't quite perform the way we wanted to," Dallaglio volunteered. "We took the game to them and got a couple of tries, but then we went into cruise mode and gave away three very soft tries."

Woodward spoke straight away of the "fundamental basic errors" that had let Scotland back into the match after England had established a 14-0 lead inside the opening 20 minutes. "We won the game, which was vital," he said, "but I can assure you that the England dressing-room was a pretty sombre place after

wards. Scotland played a very fast game, and they did well. But I wasn't expecting to give them the ball as often as we did. If you give any side the ball that often, you're going to struggle. They scored one good try, but the other two were down to our sloppiness."

He had told the team that there was no need for panic, and both he and Dallaglio emphasised that the patchy nature of the performance was a result of England being in transition from one type of game to another. "The game we're trying to play," the captain said, "is aimed at bringing up long-term success against the best sides in the world. It's a high-risk game. But you've got to stick with your principles. If you want to succeed on a global stage, you've got to play in a certain way. If you don't do that, you can be kings of the Northern Hemisphere and that's all."

Dallaglio was unwilling to provide a precise definition of the style to which England aspire, expressing the need for "a technical efficiency that wasn't there today". Presumably what he and Woodward are after is the kind of continuity rugby that moves smoothly from one planned breakdown to another, in exactly the way they managed after six minutes, when Matt Dawson launched successive short-range drives by Darren Garforth, Martin Johnson and Tim Rodber that destroyed the Scot-

tish cover and ended with Rodber's try. A quarter of an hour later, there was a similar cool execution to the midfield handling move that set up Neil Back to draw Cameron Murray and free Dan Luger for a run to the line. Jonny Wilkinson's brisk left-footed conversions emphasised the air of competence and authority.

At that moment, it looked like turning into the sort of embarrassment the All Blacks inflicted on England in Cape Town four years ago. So, in terms of value for money

on the day, thank goodness they started making the mistakes that encouraged Scotland to pick themselves up off the floor. But, although Kenny Logan's failure to land any of three penalty attempts from kickable positions might appear on paper to have cost his side a match decided by a margin of three points, his coach knew better. Without trying to put an implausible gloss on Logan's errors, Jim Telfer quietly observed that it was not as simple as that. When you score a penalty, he pointed out, you

have to go back to the middle for the other side to restart, affecting the shape of a game in which possession and territorial advantage are so vital.

The England management's post-match emphasis on the need to develop a certain style of play in order to compete with the Southern Hemisphere giants for the World Cup in the autumn was both welcome and worrying. Welcome because it shows an understanding of the higher imperatives, worrying because it so clearly echoes the words heard time and again during Jack Rowell's tenure, when the endlessly repeated promise of "expansive rugby" became first a mirage and eventually a bit of a joke, the only constant in that erratic time. And worrying, too, because their territorial scrummaging in the second half was so unproductive and inefficient, despite the massive power advantage.

Any available optimism was vestigial mainly in the performance of the 19-year-old Wilkinson, who kicked four out of four with unfussy assurance and repelled Scotland's closing assaults with a couple of midfield tackles of emphatic courage and conclusiveness. After his ordeal at the hands of Australia on tour last summer, this represented a significant rehabilitation. It will surely not be long before he is ready to take his proper place at outside-half, where

Mike Catt's typically contradictory display on Saturday – exquisite line kicking, meaningless looping breaks, one staggering and costly error at the moment of maximum pressure, when he flapped the ball into Greig Townsend's hands, allowing his opposite number to gallop away for Scotland's third try – told us nothing we did not already know.

Woodward blended enthusiasm for the Newcastle prodigy with a cautious view of his future role. "Wilkinson had a tremendous game defensively," he said, "and he never looked like missing his kicks. There were a couple of slips, but those two tackles were special. He's an outstanding talent, he's very mature, he fits well into the environment, and he did himself proud today. He's still got things to learn, but this was a big chance and he took it. I think his best position will be No 10, eventually, but he's not playing there for his club at the moment, which makes it difficult."

Among the problems that stand between the coach and the sort of rugby he wants England to play here is one, at least, for which a solution appears to exist. Starting with the rampant Irish a week on Saturday, Woodward has exactly three games in which to demonstrate genuine progress towards an autumn climax. And, in the process, to convince Twickenham to abandon its present unfamiliar mood of restraint.



Jonny Wilkinson is engulfed by the Scottish defence Allsport

# Keegan role strengthens Wilkinson's hand

LAST WEEK was very strange. Kevin Keegan announced there was no way he would be taking the England job, yet finished the week as job-sharing coach.

Arsenal beat Sheffield United with a perfectly legal goal, but are now preparing for tomorrow's replay - should Fifa, football's world governing body, give its permission - after David Dein and Arsene Wenger offered to forego the victory.

And unlike last as all, the little Arnott Insurance Northern League side Tow Law Town previously known only for propelling sausage maker Chris Waddle into the national spotlight, had their supporters exposed by BBC Radio 5 Live's *On the Line* as football's most active gang of thugs.

Keegan's appointment points up a number of fascinating issues. As one who has always given 100 per cent, whether it be playing, managing, advertising, deodorant or

competing in Superstars, he naturally resents being tagged a part-timer. However, he will be unable to watch the England players in live action very much if he is fully committed to Fulham's promotion charge.

The Football Association said it fully respected Keegan's decision to complete his contract with Fulham up to 2000 and would commence the search for a permanent successor to Glenn Hoddle the following day. However, "the following day" ended with David Davies declining to answer whether he still hoped Keegan would change his mind by June.

After some confusing signals in the earlier part of the week, Howard Wilkinson confirmed his increased influence when he said he would be meeting Ray Clemence and Peter Taylor before saying anything about their position. Clemence and Taylor, goalkeeping coach and Under-21 coach respectively,

were appointed by Hoddle, so the fact that it was Wilkinson, rather than the acting chairman Geoff Thompson, the international committee chairman, Noel White, or the executive director David Davies, playing the lead role spoke volumes. Technical director Wilkinson was now in control of all technical and playing matters apart from the full England team. The technical director had effectively become the director of football.

He will organise all the back-up for Keegan, including administration, travel, scouting and medical services.

He will be instrumental in advising the FA on the successor to Keegan.

And he will be keen to ensure, as he himself commits longer term to the FA, that next time England have a vacancy for a coach - after Keegan's successor succeeds or fails - that there is a cadre of candidates working already within



GRAHAM  
KELLY

the FA system. David Platt, who has been helping to coach the Under-18s this season, will be only one of several former players to be included as Wilkinson attempts to put in place a long-term structure that will emulate France and, at the same time, avoid the dramas that recur whenever change is made at the top.

The technical director and the England coach will sit side by side at the helm of English

football. The England coach will attract the attention and the glamour. It is he who will advertise corn flakes, but it will be the technical director who will reap the long-term rewards as England build on the success of the new football academies.

Ironically, Wilkinson, having been imprisoned behind his desk and closeted in committee room while piloting his Charter for Quality through the Lancaster Gate not-so-rapids, now finds himself handed a task again by Keegan, who wants him fully involved in England's build-up.

Why it is necessary to motivate England players is another question which has not been satisfactorily answered.

Arsenal's wonderful FA Cup gesture was as unique as it was unexpected. It was bizarre for a tie to be voluntarily forfeited on the grounds that an unwritten rule of 12 years' standing had been inadvertently broken, when every single match con-

tains so many deliberate offences against laws that have been enshrined in the game's fabric for over a hundred years.

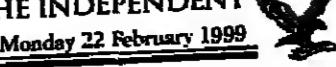
The following is a list, slightly longer than that of the English candidates to succeed Keegan in June, of transgressions that managers could eradicate from football overnight:

- Appealing for a throw-in which clearly belongs to the opposing team.
- Shirt pulling.
- The wearing of dangerous jewellery.
- Shouting obscenities at the assistant referee.
- Time-wasting.

Why cannot the League Managers' Association and the Professional Footballers' Association seize the moment by getting together to draw up a new code of conduct to cover matters such as these and thereby make the job of the match officials so much easier?

Tow Law Town went to Wembley last season in the FA

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Carlsberg Vase. It is hardly a town, more a hamlet resting high in the Durham hills. On the way the Lawyers played some heart-stopping football. They drew 4-4 at Taunton in the semi-final then won the second leg with a goal from Jarrod Sudick. His proud father, Alan, had delighted Blackpool fans 30 years earlier and it is one of life's enduring mysteries how Jarrod never followed him into the Football League. He has superb technique and runs at defences like Paul Walsh once did, twisting and turning with the ball seemingly tied to his laces.

On the Wembley trial Tow

Law were sadly accompanied a couple of times by a few local yobs, never previously or since seen at the club, who caused a nuisance in pubs near the bus stop.

This was an inconvenience

to the diminutive Town chairman, public relations officer and honorary legal advisor, John Flynn, who was com-

peted to muster scarce resources to beef up co-operation with police and the FA.

But it hardly merited inclusion, a year later, in a BBC Radio investigation which coined the phrase "organised gangs of violent thugs" and thus glorified a few mindless clowns.

Strangely, the BBC "news release" had Les Ferdinand calling Wisbech Town the worst ground in the country for racist abuse, whereas the "investigator's" own national newspaper preview article attributed these sentiments to the former Fulham striker Leroy Rose, who visited Wisbech as manager of Gloucester City. Did both Ferdinand and Rose appear in *On the Line*?

Visitors to the Lawyers' Ironworks Road ground are more likely to experience senior citizens exercising their dogs than serious mayhem. All in all, a bewildering few days. Still, Tony Blair has not commented. Yet.

# Wenger's lofty ambitions

BY ADAM SZRETER

IF THE 1-1 draw with Manchester United at Old Trafford was confirmation that Arsenal are in the running for a second successive league championship then this result, the manner of their performance and a quick look at who they had on the field by the end should be enough to send shudders down the spines of both their principal rivals, who return to the exhausting business of European competition next week.

It is hard to say whether Arsenal are playing any better than this time last year, but they now have reserve strength to rival both Manchester United and Chelsea. By the time the Leicester City players trooped off looking relieved to have kept it down to five, there was no Winterburn, Keown or Petri, who all missed the game, and no Vieira, Overmars or Anelka, all enjoying a well-earned rest for the last 20 minutes or so.

Instead there were exciting new names like Kanu and Diawara to add to the existing fringe players such as Vivas, Grimaldi, Garde and Hughes. Suddenly the extent of Arsene Wenger's ambition is apparent. The one blot on his managerial record at Highbury remains this season's Champions' League, but Wenger always played down Arsenal's aspirations in that direction, saying the Premiership was more important. Now he must feel he has the ammunition for a serious assault on Europe next season.

Saturday's exhibition was a dazzling one, the only crumb of comfort for others being the inadequacy of the opposition. It was orchestrated by Dennis Bergkamp, the architect of four of the goals and back on top form after struggling through the first half of the season. "Today was close to my very best of last season," he said. Wenger likened the Dutchman to a pianist



Arsenal's Dennis Bergkamp (centre) hedges past Leicester's Robert Ullathorne (left) and Frank Sinclair on Saturday

Allsport

constantly searching to improve his technique.

Elsewhere Overmars and Ray Parlour were constant menaces on the flanks, in midfield Vieira seemed determined to compensate for his friend Petri's absence single-handedly while Tony Adams looked so assured in defence he might have come out for the second half in dressing-gown and slippers with a mug of coffee in one hand and a

good book in the other.

"It was our best for a long time," Wenger said, before reflecting on the recent increases in Arsenal's playing staff. "We have more offensive potential, but competition for places can make everyone better and it can make them weaker also, so it's up to me to use it well." Leicester's Martin O'Neill can only dream of such problems as

the gap in potential between clubs like his own and Arsenal grows wider by the week.

The Gunners will discover today whether their FA Cup fifth-round re-run goes ahead tomorrow or not, but on this form Sheffield United could be excused for changing their minds about the whole thing. "When you come off the pitch and hear the stadium reacting like that, you know it's coming

back again," Bergkamp said. Is there better yet to come?

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## THAT WAS THE WEEKEND THAT WAS

EDITED BY JON CULLEY

### Pick your own colours, Ipswich tell their fans

EVERYBODY GRUMBLING about the price of replica football kits, commonly perceived as the No 1 rip-off perpetrated by football clubs on the sad, compliant, captive audience known as fans. But one set of supporters can boast a small concession.

These lucky punters know that, when they pay through the nose for next season's new strip, they will at least have had a say in how it looks.

The idea comes from Ipswich Town, whose chairman, David Sheepehanks, said it was "important we

take account of our fans' views." Town's novel approach involves supporters voting on a choice of four strip designs, unveiled in Saturday's matchday programme at Portman Road as well as in the local press and on the club's official website. Fans have until 3 March to cast their votes.

"Our supporters represent the essence of our club," Sheepehanks said. "If we are to continue enjoying record sales for Ipswich Town replica kits, then it is imperative we adopt a responsible attitude."

### Paddy baiters turn the air Sky Blue

BY COMMON consent, it was a markedly non-vintage Manchester United that ground out a winning result on Coventry City's muddy pitch on Saturday. And the injustice was not lost on one group of City supporters sitting in front of the Highfield Road press gallery on Saturday, as two representatives of Manchester radio stations discovered.

After the final whistle, the frustrated fans roundly criticised the hapless broadcasters, insisting in terms certainly not fit for the airwaves that they should tell their listeners exactly how lucky United had been. They were clearly no respecters of reputation. For underneath one set of headphones was the one-time Old Trafford legend Pat Crerand, under the

other the former United manager, McGuinness.

Eye-witnesses said that Crerand's Radio 1's Crerand, sent off six times in his United career, was considerably less than amused at the tone of some of the remarks and McGuinness, commenting for GMR, had to step in with some swift diplomacy.

"They were getting a hit loud and excited," McGuinness said. "They felt hard done by over losing and wanted Paddy to tell his audience that United had been lucky. It was perhaps just as well he had his headphones on because I don't think he could hear what they were shouting. But it all ended peacefully and no blows were struck. Paddy and I are a bit calmer these days."

The choices, it has to be said, are not terribly imaginative. Fans can vote for (a) blue top with white shorts, (b) blue top and shorts with white flashes, (c) white trimmed blue top teamed with blue-trimmed white shorts or (d) blue top with white sleeves and white shorts.

Then again, Ipswich are a proudly traditional club, a point emphasised by their spokesperson, Alesha Gooderham. "Those are the colours we know the supporters are proud to wear," she said.

#### KEY NUMBERS

3 The goals, including the two they got yesterday, that West Ham have scored in their last 17 visits to Anfield.

11 The minutes it took Darren Bullock, suspended three times this season for Swindon, to be sent off on his bury debut.

30 The goals scored by the nation's top scorer, West Bromwich Albion's Lee Hughes, after the two he got yesterday. His nearest pursuer has 23.

#### I TOLD YOU SO

There is no game in the Premiership you can be guaranteed to win.

Jim Smith, the Derby manager, before Charlton threw a spanner in his side's UEFA Cup drive.

#### PREMIERSHIP TEAM OF THE WEEK

NICOLAS ANELKA

Arsenal

ALBERT FERREIRA

Chelsea

DENNIS BERGKAMP

Arsenal

DANNY SONNER

Sheffield Wednesday

HASSAN KACHLOU

Southampton

SIMON ROYCE

Charlton Athletic

JOHN BARNES

Charlton

ROBERTSON BORG

Liverpool

SIR CARLTON RUDI

Tottenham Hotspur

PETER THOMAS

Sheffield Wednesday

Manager of the week: Alan Curbishley, at last giving Charlton hope.

Performance of the week: Arsenal, looking ominous again.

Missing... making it... and mistaken

ANDY MYERS  
CHELSEA

SHEFFIELD UNITED

THE 25-year-old midfielder made 17 appearances for the Stamford Bridge side last season but has yet to figure out this term - apparently becoming another English player squeezed out by Chelsea's foreign imports. Surely he will not want to languish in the shadows much longer, having last played in the Premiership with the Drifield-born 18-year-old, the Blades manager, Steve Bruce, is increasingly confident he can keep him at Bramall Lane.

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# Calcutta, kilts and cannibals

**A**t Twickenham on Saturday, my friend Dominic and I brightened up what, despite the scoreline, was an unengaging afternoon's rugby, by sharing memories of great Calcutta Cup moments and, indeed, great Calcutta Cup dents. We have both spent many a raucous evening in the Guildford Arms, a wonderful pub just off Princes Street in Edinburgh, where, following internationals at Murrayfield, the players traditionally enjoy a pint or eight before the post-match dinner.

On the basis that the players are the only ones in black tie, I once reasoned that all I had to do was slip into a dinner suit after the match to be feted by rugby fans. I reckoned I might just pass as one of the lesser-known England replacements.

Which was how, following the Calcutta Cup match in 1984, I ended up in the Guildford Arms signing dozens of programmes and fraudulently accepting pints of heavy from admirers.

Emboldened by drink, I even slipped unchallenged into the lavish official reception at the North British Hotel, where I admitted my decep-

tion to a friend of a friend, the mighty England forward Maurice Coldthorpe. To his eternal credit, he did not blow the whistle.

Sadly, I was not at the Guildford Arms the night a far more infamous crime was perpetrated by Scotland's John Jeffrey and England's Dean Richards, who were later scolded by the authorities.

Both, let's generously say, were a little tiddly when they returned to the pub after the dinner with the venerable Calcutta Cup itself, which had sustained a bit of a bruising while doubling as a rugby ball on the pavement outside.

My friend Dominic was there, recording the occasion for posterity, and, at one point, had his camera snatched by Richards, who thrust it up Jeffrey's kilt and clicked. As Dom recalls with pain in his voice even now, it was the only photograph on the entire roll of film which came out perfectly.

The cameraderie between Jeffrey and Richards that night is not altogether typical of the feeling between the Scots and the English. Bill McLaren told me a lovely story about John Bannerman, a fierce Highlander who played for the leg-



**BRIAN VINER**  
*Richards thrust the camera up Jeffrey's kilt and clicked ... the photo came out perfectly*

endary side that in 1925 won Scotland's first Grand Slam. "I was brought up on stories of that team," recalled a misty-eyed McLaren. "It was reckoned that half of them were made of corrugated iron."

Anyways, years later, Bannerman was in the Borders making a speech, which McLaren reported for the *Hawick Express*. "The Irish and Welsh are our brothers," said Bannerman, "but as for that other lot..." At which an old farmer, his emotions

roused, struggled to his feet. "Aye, that's it John," he shouted. "It's action we want, nae words!"

I love that image of the old Sassenach-hating farmer, but certain other manifestations of Anglo-Scottish rivalry are less attractive. I know several men called Angus, all brought up south of the border and far more at home in Clapham than Cleckmannan, yet who shout loudly for Argentina and even Germany in international football matches against England.

That, I have to say, riles me. Especially as I have vivid memories of kicking over a freshly-mixed Pot Noodle - which then amounted to a fairly major culinary disaster - in my excitement when Archie Gemmill scored against the Netherlands to give Scotland a glimmer of hope in the 1978 World Cup.

When laced with brouhaha, of course, the rivalry between the English and the Scots can be great fun. At my golf club in North London few events are more eagerly anticipated, or more keenly contested, than the annual England v Scotland match. And the same is true at a neighbouring club, where one of the members, who happened to be the

Fijian ambassador, once caused a bit of a stir by asking if he could represent the Scots.

The ambassador was a man of considerable wit and charm. He was also about six foot five and had reputedly been a second row forward on the fringes of the Fiji rugby team.

So the golf club secretary was understandably a little nervous when pointing out that the match was fairly regularly regulated and that His Excellency could not possibly qualify for the Scotland team.

"I'm terribly sorry, but I'm afraid that to play for Scotland you must have some Scottish blood in you," said the secretary. "Oh but I do," replied the ambassador firmly. "My great-grandfather once ate a missonary from Dundee."

To this day, nobody is quite sure whether he was joking or just twisting the secretary's tail. Either way, it is a story which might give the Scotland selectors - who seem to have reached the stage at which they will pick a New Zealander on the basis that, back in his native Wellington, he once enjoyed an entire glass of Glenfiddich - some pause for thought.

## LETTER FROM

### AMERICA

*New York does not forgive, and if the Yankees have erred by letting David Wells go in exchange for Roger Clemens, they will feel the wrath of the fans*

# Yankees banish 'Boomer'

**S**PORT is an unsentimental business, and New York is a cynical city. So you might not have expected anyone to have been especially surprised when the Yankees sent a much-loved baseball player into exile, since they gained a superior one in return. And you would be wrong.

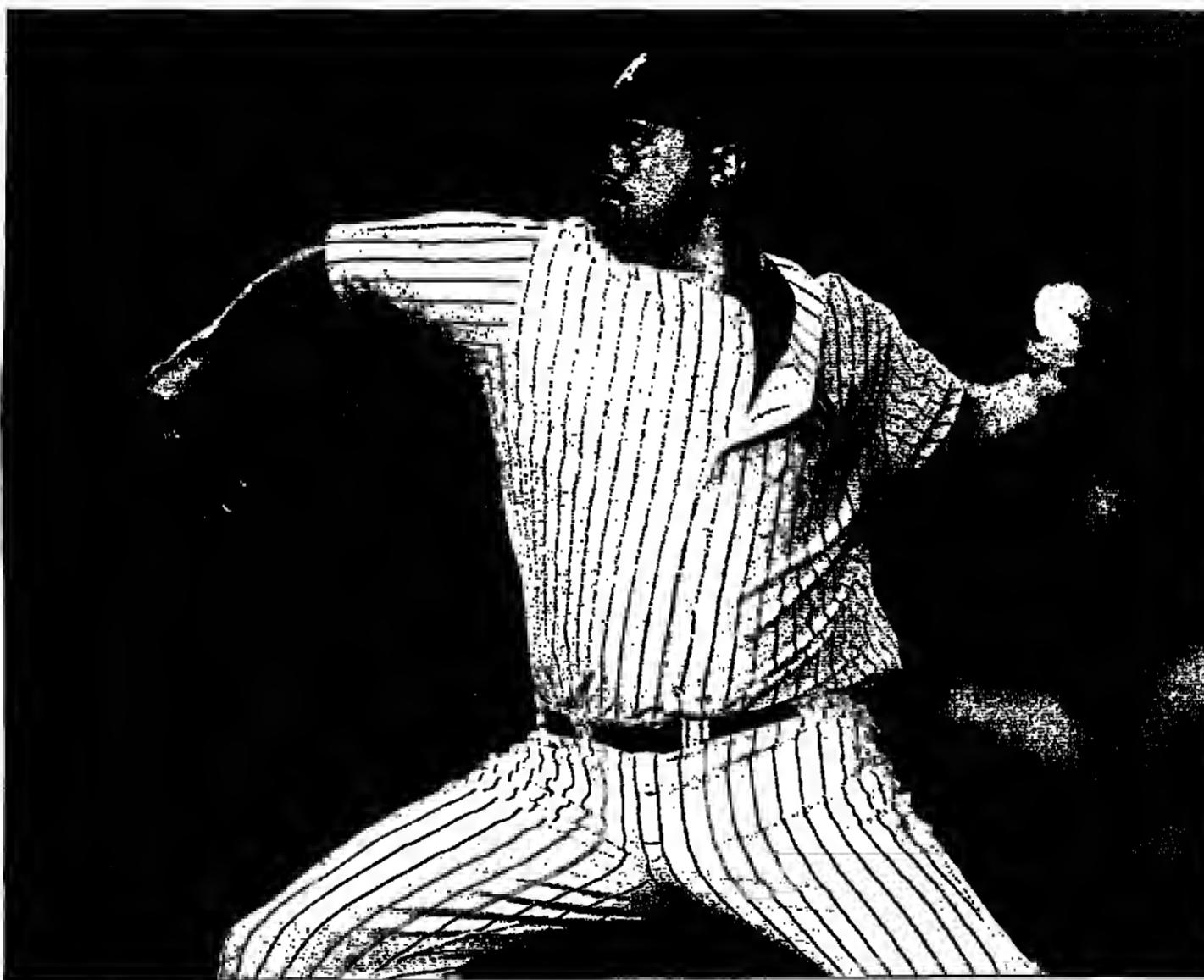
David "Boomer" Wells is short and fat and unpredictable. He managed to pitch a perfect game last season, one of only 13 people this century to end a game without a single base against him. He is talented, but he is equally capable of picking a fight with George Steinbrenner, the Yankees' cranky owner; in the clubhouse, antagonising Joe Torre, the manager, and all other manner of horseplay. "If you liked Metallica, tattoos, Howard Stern and post-game beers, you liked Wells," wrote the august *New York Times*.

And David Wells is no longer a Yankee, the thing that he wanted to be all his life. Even though they put his picture on the spring game schedule, even though he was one of the few real characters in a team that is perhaps the best ever, yet sometimes a little, well, mechanical, they decided they could do without him and two less well-known players, Graeme Lloyd and Homer Bush. They were traded to the Toronto Blue Jays.

Wells had just done a slot on *Bubba The Love Sponge* (which apparently is a local radio programme in Tampa, Florida) when he was called in to see Torre. He was gutted. When Lloyd came in to join them, Wells said simply: "Graeme, you're better sit down. You're going north of the border." He left with his shades on, and wearing a Yankees cap, looking for all the world as if he had just been hit by a train. "I'm a little emotional right now," he said. "Just give me a couple days. It's a little tough to take right now."

In exchange for Wells and the others the Yankees have got a real prize: Roger Clemens, one of the best pitchers the game has ever seen. Clemens was erratic; Clemens is a machine. Wells was not expected to repeat his glorious 1998 season; Clemens still has at least two years. It was a smart trade, in purely sporting terms.

But people hate it. Clemens is not popular. He is, for a start, associated with the hated Boston Red Sox (hated in New York, that is). He is a



David Wells showing the pitching form that made him such a popular figure with the New York Yankees last season *Allsport*

"carpetbagger" some of the papers said in comment the next day, who wanted out of the hapless Blue Jays because he was apparently never going to win a World Series medal in the Town That Fun Forgot. He is not going to be liked, for a while anyway.

And why, people asked, mess with the best? The Yankees stormed through last season like a combine harvester, mowing down the opposition and setting a new record for the most wins in a season. "What, do they want to win 126 games this time around? One hundred and twenty-five wasn't enough for

them," asked George Vecsey of the *Times*. It was a common reaction: they were already the best team ever; so do they have to beat themselves?

The team that won the 1998 World Series had remained almost intact until the Wells trade, giving a familiar sense that this was a team from another age, a 1950s holdover. Baseball fans have a powerful sense of community and a mystical idea that history unfolds with the pitcher's arm among baseball fans. It was cruelly foiled by the 1994 strike. But it came back last year, and not just because there are plenty of fat, beer-drinking 36-year-olds out there to identify with in the bleachers, and the idea that this man could attain perfection was a revelation, an aspiration (albeit an unrealistic one).

Now it is back to business as usual, apparently. Spring training is under way already, after a busy off-season that has seen plenty of players, like Wells, traipsing from one city

to another, slouching towards Toronto or Baltimore. There is not much sentiment in the game, not while Rupert Murdoch is paying over one hundred million dollars to a pitcher (Kevin Brown) to reinvigorate his Los Angeles Dodgers.

All of this will pass as soon as the game gets going again, of course. No-one likes to think sport is driven by money, but it is. If Clemens pitches the Yankees back into the World Series this year, then he will be a hero, loved by the fans. But if he screws up, God help him: New York does not forgive.

ANDREW MARSHALL

### THE WEEK AHEAD: FIXTURES

#### TODAY

#### THURSDAY

#### FOOTBALL

#### FRIDAY

#### SATURDAY

#### SUNDAY

#### FOOTBALL

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

#### RUGBY UNION

#### NETBALL

#### WEDNESDAY

#### FOOTBALL

#### BASKETBALL

#### RUGBY

#### RUGBY UNION

#### RUGBY LEAGUE

#### RUGBY UNION

# Wilkinson rises above the whistle

BY CHRIS HEWETT at Twickenham

THEY CAME in their tens of thousands to watch Jonny Wilkinson make sweet midfield music on his full debut at the Five Nations festival, but the Twickenham cognoscenti soon found themselves listening to the premiere of an out-of-key whistle sonata by an Irish referee. David McHugh's masterpiece turned out to be a dissonant and thoroughly frustrating piece in God knows how many movements, all of them obstructive and accompanied by a chorus of muted oaths and mumbled profanities from 15 Englishmen.

James Galway might have struggled to play as many notes in a single 80-minute period as his compatriot managed on Saturday and the fact that McHugh ultimately failed to sabotage a Calcutta Cup contest in which the high peaks of excitement just about prevailed over the troughs of confused cock-uppers was largely down to the wit of Gregor Townsend and his richly imaginative centre, who created any number of silk purses from the sow's ear of over-fussy officialdom.

There is the question of bias; in refusing even to countenance continuity, let alone encourage it, McHugh was bad news for both sides. But England, locked in their one-dimensional mindset, suffered far more than their Scottish opponents. Having based their entire tactical approach around aiming two or three of their biggest and most physical forwards at the Scottish midfield off second-phase possession, they were completely flummoxed by the speed of the whistle. The Scots, well versed in the dark arts of ball-killing, had no need to risk life and limb under eight sets of English studs. McHugh did their dirty work for them by stopping the game as soon as a body hit the deck.

Of course, England should have adapted, just as Townsend, John Leslie and Alan Tait adapted, but adaptability has rarely been a feature of the red rose army, who traditionally react with almost Papal sluggishness to changing circumstances. The lack of intuitive decision-making was most glaring at half-back; while Townsend thought on his feet, Mike Catt repeatedly ran headlong into the blue-shirted thicket and handed the Scots precious opportunities to reorganise their defence.

But the wider implications of McHugh's refereeing are too serious to sweep under the green carpet of Twickenham. England's three remaining championship matches will be controlled by southern hemisphere A-listers and everyone in the camp, from Clive Woodward and Lawrence Dallaglio to the boy Wilkinson, expects the approach to be more sympathetic, more enlightened, more user-friendly. The problem is crystal clear: fundamental differences of interpretation

England	24	Scotland	21
Tries: Rodger, Leger, Beal		Tries: Tait 2, Townsend	
Conversions: Wilkinson 3		Conversions: Logan 3	
Penalties: Wilkinson			
Half-time: 17-7		Attendance: 75,000	

have left the international game a hostage to fortune and forced highly talented, painstakingly prepared professional teams to gear their tactics to the whims and fancies of a particular official rather than the strength and weaknesses of their opponents. If the refereeing is not standardised, this year's World Cup will be a hoot.

"Yes, I think the forthcoming matches will be handled very differently," agreed Dallaglio, the England captain, who may or may not have been aware that in recent Five Nations games controlled by southern hemisphere or French referees, his countrymen have scored an average 45 points, as opposed to 23 in games featuring a Catt with a whistle. "That should not be taken as a criticism of David

McHugh, who stated quite clearly how he intended to go about things. But interpretations do differ and the southern hemisphere officials tend to free the ball up far more, which suits the way we're trying to play.

"We could have tucked the ball up in our jumpers and per-

haps won more comfortably, but we want to look at the wider picture and develop a game that will bring us long-term success on the world stage rather than the European one. There were some frustrations out there, obviously, but I want us to address ourselves to the errors we made, our lack of technical proficiency, rather than worry about the refereeing. We've set ourselves standards and on this occasion, those standards weren't met. I'm happy to have won, but that's as far as it goes."

Two converted tries to the good reached 20 minutes, England reached the end of the opening quarter thinking in terms of a nice little 40-pointer. The first was hairy-chested in the extreme, Tim Rodger driving twice for the line from an eighth-minute line-out and grounding both the ball and Gordon Bullock, hardly one of life's midgets, from the second

of his bicep-bulging bursts.

Then it was Richard Hill's turn to blow the Scottish defence to smithereens. The Saracens flanker was by some distance the pick of the English pack and his thunderous stomp into the Scottish 22 resulted in a debut Five Nations try for the increasingly accomplished Dan Leger.

So what happened? Two things, chiefly: an outbreak of rank carelessness along the spine of the English team, for which an unusually tidy Matt Dawson and a ponderous Nick Beal were largely responsible, and a magnificent flowering of Scottish forward pride. Scott Murray, a surefire Lion in the making, was blossoming-in-chief up front, although Martin Leslie was not far behind in creating a one-man swarm around the loose ball. Both handled intelligently to create the first of Tait's tries 12 minutes before the break and when Townsend and Leslie sent their midfield colleague harrying into a gap the width of Glencoe six minutes into the second half, the battle was well and truly joined.

Both sides claimed a third try in the final quarter, two highly comical affairs finished by Beal and Townsend respectively. Jim Telfer, the Scottish coach, must have blanched at the sight of Gary Armstrong and Glenn Metcalfe missing straightforward tackles on the Northampton full-back, while Woodward was utterly aghast at the way his side surrendered seven wholly avoidable points.

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# Whitehaven's timeless win

BY DAVID HADFIELD

THIS WAS the sort of afternoon that used to make teams from the soft south beyond Lancaster dread their trips to west Cumbria.

Widnes encountered a crash on the M6, rain, sleet and finally hail that stung like needles – and, worst of all yesterday, a Whitehaven side that gave them no peace throughout the match.

Give or take a few rule changes, this was a game that could have taken place during any of Whitehaven's 50 seasons at the Recreation Ground, with a big pack going about its business in the traditional Cumbrian manner, in front of two enterprising half-backs.

Widnes had made an encouraging start to their season – and, like Whitehaven, have a highly winnable Challenge Cup tie to look forward to next weekend – but they were never allowed into this game as equal partners.

They did take the lead,

though, midway through an old-fashioned arm-wrestle of a first half, through Jim Salisbury's penalty.

They soon fell behind, however, when Craig Walsh cut in from his wing and fished a little kick over the defence which was picked off by Wayne Kitchin for the game's first try, converted by Kevin Hetherington.

Another clever kick was responsible for putting Widnes behind by half-time. Paul Harris this time spotting the empty spaces on the right and James Briers reaching the ball first, but Whitehaven shut the door firmly in their face after the interval.

Their outstanding back-row forwards, Graeme Morton and Gary Charlton, set up Walsh for one try, after both Morton and

Walsh had seen one disallowed and the result was never in doubt after that.

After Salisbury put a kick-off straight into touch for the second time in the match and Lacey Joe had a drop goal attempt charged down to give his side another tackle, Joe himself dummied his way through for the try that ensured there was no way back.

In the last 10 minutes, Whitehaven struck twice more through Morton and their inventive stand-off, Lee Kiddie. On this form they can be a force in the Northern Ford Premiership this season, as well as difficult opponents for Oldham and whoever might come next in the Challenge Cup.

Whitehaven: Hetherington, Lewthwaite, Seeds, Lynch, Walsh, Kiddie, Cox, Nutt, Fawcett, Chambers, Morton, Charlton. Substitutes used: Fraser, Bone, Vaughan, Lesser. Widnes: Salibury, Briers, Crichton, McMillan, Charlton, Fawcett, Charlton. Substitutes used: Pervall, Reid, Cross, Argent.

Referee: P Taberner (Wigan).

Assistant: P Taberner (Wigan).



Martin Wood shows great determination during Keighley's 14-12 defeat at Bramley yesterday

Ben Duffy

## No armchair ride for gutsy Couch

BOXING

BY NICK HALLING

JANE COUCH successfully defended her Women's International Boxing Federation welterweight title with a unanimous points decision over the Dutch challenger Marische Sjauw at the Thornaby Pavilion in Middlesbrough on Saturday.

In doing so, Britain's only professional female boxer also claimed the vacant World Boxing Federation title, but of greater significance was the quality of the overall performance. Women's boxing needed the two fighters to put on a good show to convince the

doubters; Couch and Sjauw obliged with a spirited display over 10 rounds which was well received by a crowd of 1,200.

It was in sharp contrast to Couch's British debut against the German teenager Simona Lukić last November. That was a farce, but this was a real battle. Couch bled heavily from a cut on the hairline after a clash of heads, and both women were exhausted from their efforts.

This is what all my fights are like, except for that last one," said the 51-year-old from Fleetwood in Lancashire. "It's always a war – I never seem to have it easy. She was much stronger than me but I did enough to deserve the decision. Holding on to my title means more to me than anything."

Neither boxer was unable to establish any dominance at first, but by the ninth they had virtually punched themselves to a standstill, Couch holding her nerve to survive a testing finale.

Many of the crowd had come

to experience the novelty of female boxing. In the end, they showed their appreciation of two highly motivated, well-trained athletes.

In the United States, Mike Tyson was put in an isolation cell after throwing a television in jail on Saturday night. Tyson, 32, was imprisoned for a year earlier this month for a traffic accident.

Roberto Duran, 48, has had his latest fight cancelled because he weighed in for his contest with Argentina's Omar Gonzalez six kg over the limit.

## Myers strikes for Sharks

BASKETBALL

BY RICHARD TAYLOR

over London after a 10-0 second quarter put them 36-22 ahead.

Manchester briefly took a clear lead in the table with Saturday's 86-78 win over Birmingham Bullets, pulling away in the fourth quarter with 7-1 and 7-3 runs after Bullets led 71-70 with three minutes to play.

Sheffield and Giants now have identical records, with 26 wins from 29 games, although the Sharks hold a 1-0 edge in

their three-game series after last month's 86-83 win in Manchester. They each have home advantage in the two remaining league games between them.

Worthing Bears managed to break a 30-game losing streak and took their first victory under coach Sean Loucks, with an 84-77 home win over Milton Keynes Lions.

Leicester's hangover following their midweek League Trophy semi-final defeat against Derby continued with a 90-78 home collapse against Edinburgh Rocks.

## Reading pay for Scottish slip-up

HOCKEY

BY BILL COLWILL

READING YESTERDAY ended their challenge in the B Division of the European Indoor Club Championship in Prague with a 6-1 win against Partille from Sweden. A second Mark Pearson hat-trick brought the Premier Division club a disappointing fifth place which condemns the English champions, Southgate, to another year in the B Division.

The damage was done on Saturday when Reading surrendered a three-goal lead to lose 5-3 to Scotland's Menzieshill, who went on to win the final 3-2 after a penalty stroke shoot-out following a 1-1 draw with Dynamo Ekaterinburg from Russia.

The Spanish club Atletico Terrassa beat Durkheimer from Germany 9-7 in the A Division final to become the first non-German club to win the European championship.

Bobby Crutchley scored twice as Cannock came from behind against Canterbury to win 4-2 and so extend their lead at the top of the men's Premier Division to five points. The 17-year-old Martin Jones capped a fine display with his first National League goal.

As Reading's chance of promotion to the A Division evaporated on Saturday, Mark Hoskin flew to Manchester to play and score for Guildford in their 4-3 win against Brooklands. The victory keeps alive their chance of making the top four play-off places.

In the Women's National League Jane Smith scored six times for Slough in their 9-1 victory at Doncaster to keep the defending champions in second place.

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### ATHLETICS

**SYDNEY GRAND PRIX** Selected: Men: 110m hurdles: 1 C Jackson (GB) 13.30; 2 R Bell (GB) 13.66; Women: 100m: 1 S O'Brien (GB) 11.00; 2 C Corriveau (CA) 10.95; 3 Pels, Waite 11.00; 4 George 11.00 (Aus) [world record].

**INDOOR MEETING** (Leeds, Fri) 54m: 100m: 1 C Jackson (GB) 10.95; 2 E Nkansah (GB) 10.51; 3 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 4 J Gardner (GB) 10.52; 5 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 6 C Jackson (GB) 10.52; 7 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 8 M Waris (Ken) 10.52; 9 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 10 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 11 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 12 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 13 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 14 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 15 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 16 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 17 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 18 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 19 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 20 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 21 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 22 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 23 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 24 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 25 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 26 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 27 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 28 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 29 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 30 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 31 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 32 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 33 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 34 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 35 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 36 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 37 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 38 S 8 (Surin (GB) 10.52; 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# Milestone triumph for Tromans

GLYN TROMANS is a good advertisement for cardiac surgery. Since undergoing two operations in 1996 to eradicate an extra valve in his heart, the Coventry Godiva runner has made what he describes as a "major breakthrough", and on Saturday he picked up his first British title to earn himself a place at next month's World Cross-Country Championships in Belfast.

The 29-year-old Tromans ran clear of almost 300 other athletes on an undulating course at Wollaton Park, Nottingham to win the Reebok Inter-Counties Championships which served as a trial for the

**ATHLETICS**  
By MIKE ROWBOTTOM  
in Nottingham

world event in Northern Ireland on 27-28 March.

Behind him, Andrew Pearson and Dominic Bannister claimed the other two automatic qualifying places to form half of a team that will be completed with discretionary choices and announced today.

Britain's leading cross-country runners, Paula Radcliffe and Jon Brown chose to miss the trials in order to prepare on the other side of the Atlantic. But Tromans, one of four new

champions the trials produced, would not have missed the event for, well, the world.

"I felt really good out there today," he said. "I came here knowing I was going to win, even if some others didn't expect it." One of the main reasons for his confidence was the extra time he has had to devote himself to training, having given up his job last September as a lecturer in marketing at a further education college.

"It has made all the difference," he said. "It means I don't have to get up early every morning and fit sessions in around work." Lottery funding has enabled him to maintain his

pursuit of a potential that was compromised for most of the Nineties by his heart condition.

"I had the problem since 1991, although I only had it diagnosed three weeks before the first operation," he said. "When I was out running, four or five times a week I would have to stop and recover from oxygen debt, because my heart rate would go from around 140 a minute to 220 or 230 within a couple of seconds.

"It could happen at any time. It didn't matter how hard I was running. The only thing I could do was lie down where I was on the track, at the roadside and wait for it to pass. It

was more scary for my family a lot of the time, because I would be late coming back from runs while I waited for my heart rate to stabilise." Two minutes before his operation, it got scary for Tromans too as he was asked to sign a disclaimer form giving the surgeon the right to put in a pacemaker in the event of any problem. "They had to do a welding job to close the extra valve up and it was in the centre of the heart, so if they had burned too deep there might have been permanent damage," he said.

Less than a year after his second operation, he qualified for the World Cross-Country

Championships with fourth place in the trials, and in last year's world event at Marakesh he was the top British finisher, in 36th place.

Now he returns - as Warwickshire's first inter-counties champion since the 1979 Commonwealth 10,000m bronze medallist, Dick Taylor, who retains his links with Coventry Godiva and was present in the early spring sunshine to see Tromans - who trains with Taylor's son, Richard - earn his gold.

Tromans needs to be one of the top 10 European finishers in Belfast to maintain his current level of Lottery funding, but the £2,000 he received as runner-up

in the Reebok Cross-Country Challenge, and an extra £1,000 as winner of the Puma Road Rankings, will have helped with the preparation costs.

In the women's 5km event, Angela Mudge produced a strong, front-running display which won her a first British title - that is, if you do not count

winger Dick Kryszewski - and Lucy Wright surprised everyone, including herself.

Last month, after taking part in a cross-country race within the grounds of Stormont Castle, she was not included in a group of 35 likely British contenders who were shown around the world championship course in another part of Belfast. Instead, she went for a two-hour training run.

The inclusion of shorter races at the world championships offered opportunity to two other new champions, Helen Pattinson and Dave Heath, who won the 5km events to earn their Belfast trips.

## When a good old punch-up is the icing on the cake

Greg Wood joins the grannies and toddlers on their feet as the referee stands back and battle is joined

THERE ARE any number of evocative noises in the sporting world, from the sound of leather on willow to the ping of a tennis ball hitting the sweet spot. But there is nothing which sums up a sport quite like the thwack of bone on Plexiglass. It is sharp and brutal, the sound of a score being settled or a gauntlet thrown down, and at the Ice House in Cardiff, and the Ice House in Cardiff, they are like cutting stabs on skates.

Forget the sociologists who claim that violence on the pitch leads to more of the same in the stands. If it were true, the Ice House would have been a smouldering ruin after yesterday's match between Cardiff Devils and the Nottingham Panthers. Instead, the only damage was a thick carpet of cola cans and bot-dog wrappers, the remnants of a roaring afternoon for all the family. Two thousand fans spent the afternoon bouncing cheers and jeers on the rink's low roof, generating an atmosphere which most football teams would kill for.

In ice hockey it seems to be the spectacle which matters as

much as the scoreline. The game allegedly has one of the most extensive rule books of any sport, but you could never tell. It tends to be played by large men with stubble and wonky noses, and an overwhelming desire to get to the puck, no matter who or what stands in their way. When they hold and rattle their sticks at the face-off, they are like rutting stags on skates.

And there is no doubt that the identity of the Alpha Male in Cardiff's line-up, Ivan Matulik, forward and captain, seemed to spend almost as much time in the sin-bin as he did on the rink. His longest spell in the glass box came after a fight with Jarret Zukowski, which appeared to develop for no better reason than that it was already the second period, and we hadn't had a punch-up. Matulik and Zukowski traded blows for almost a minute, while two referees and their team-mates watched. Only when they had thumped each other to a standstill did the officials deem it safe to intervene.

The touch, agility and speed of

the players was breathtaking, especially in view of the mountain of padding strapped to body and limbs, and none played better than Nottingham's Jason Weaver. When he and Jamie Leach worked the

puck out of the corner for Leach to score the second, it was like watching elephants playing chess.

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## SPORT

# Familiar foe fells Henman

TIM HENMAN will have an instant opportunity to get over the disappointment of his Rotterdam final defeat in the Guardian Direct Cup in Battersea today.

The British No 1 lost in straight sets to the Australian Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the World Indoor Tournament in Rotterdam yesterday. He has around 24 hours' rest before being due back on court in the doubles at Battersea Park tonight with Greg Rusedski.

Kafelnikov fought back from 5-2 down in the second set yesterday, winning the final four points of the tie-break 7-3 to secure a 6-2, 7-6 victory. The Russian now holds a 7-3 advantage in matches between the two, including five wins indoors. It could be six by the end of the week, if the two meet in the final at Battersea.

"I served badly, but overall it was a positive week and I'll go to London with a lot of confidence," Henman said. "In [the semi-final] I made the big points, today I didn't. One day you make them, one day you don't. I probably played against the best baseliner in the world, and the best player in the world at the moment."

Kafelnikov did not need to be at his best in the fifth game of the first set at 30-30. Henman hit an over-head, and then a forehand into the net to trail 3-2. Kafelnikov won the next three games for the first set.

Henman did hit some terrific shots and rediscovered some of his better form in the second set, breaking Kafelnikov to lead 3-1, only for the Russian to strike back, with Henman double-faulting before losing the game to love.

The British No 1 fought on, taking the second of his break chances to lead 4-2 and then holding serve for a 5-2 advantage, only for Kafelnikov to break back - helped by another

**TENNIS**  
BY DERRICK WHYTE  
in Rotterdam

double-fault - and send the set to a tie-break. The swift, agile Kafelnikov, with the tie-break 3-3, claimed the next four points to clinch the win.

"It's always a pleasure to play against Henman," Kafelnikov said. "He pushed me to the limit. I wish I could play him every day."

Henman and Rusedski, getting some much needed practice together before the Davis Cup meeting with the United States at Easter, are due on court in Battersea at around 7 o'clock this evening against the South Africans, Piet Norval and Kevin Ullyett. They follow possibly the best match of the opening day of the £500,000 tournament, as the three-times Wimbledon runner-up Goran Ivanisevic faces Jan Siemers of the Netherlands.

Romania's Andrei Pavel is first on court against David Prinosil of Germany, followed by Hicham Arazi against Bohdan Ulbrach. The Australian Open finalist, Thomas Enqvist, then takes on Switzerland's Marc Rosset.

Henman and Rusedski, second and third seed respectively, are both in the bottom half of the draw and begin their singles challenge tomorrow. The pair are on course for a semi-final meeting with Kafelnikov expected to justify his No 1 seeding.

"I'm looking forward to playing in Battersea, it's just 10 minutes from my house so it's a real home event," Henman said. "It's a unique situation to play an indoor tournament in London - everyone's used to us playing on the grass at Wimbledon."

"It's a great atmosphere, I'm



Yevgeny Kafelnikov on his way to beating Tim Henman in Rotterdam yesterday

Reuters

sure it'll be even better than last year and hopefully, if I play well, I'll be pretty tough to beat. There'll be a lot of really good players in the field, probably stronger than last year. If I can play some good tennis like I have over the last six or seven months then I'll have a good chance."

In Hanover yesterday, the top seed Jana Novotna won a thrilling clash of styles and generations when she beat Venus Williams 6-4 6-4 in the Feber Grand Prix final. The elegant Czech veteran showed more composure when it mattered on her way to a convincing win over the powerful American second seed.

In Memphis on Saturday, Tommy Haas, of Germany, enjoyed a surprise victory over the top seed Todd Martin, 6-3, 7-6, to reach the final of the ATP St Jude tournament. Haas, the third seed, was due to face the American, Jim Courier, in the final last night.

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## ACTION REPLAY

### Paterson's late raid plunders victory

BY GARY NEWBON

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Scotland's rugby union team came to Twickenham for the Calcutta Cup match 28 years ago looking for their first win in London since before the Second World War. Reporting for the Sunday Mirror was Gary Newbon, 25, who went on to become Central TV's Controller of Sport in Battersea today.

OH! CALCUTTA! Scotland snatched their first post-war Twickenham win with eight points in the final seven minutes.

The Scots' championship wooden-spoonists, without a win before yesterday, were trailing 15-8 before this dramatic finale. Seven stunning minutes later the Scotland team were carrying off skipper Peter Brown and the Calcutta Cup with their first win at the Rugby Union HQ since 1938.

But afterwards England captain John Spencer protested that a whistle in the crowd cost England the match. He claimed: "We all stood still for Duncan Paterson's try after 74 minutes. There was a blatant knock-on and a whistle went. We now know it came from the crowd. We all stood still and all had to do was drop on the ball."

Scrum half Paterson was behind both late tries - the last in the final minute. First he dived on a loose ball to poach the controversial try. Then he made a break from a ruck inside the England 25. Peter Brown was up to throw out a long pass to his centre, Chris Rea, who swept over. Peter Brown converted. The Scots had won.

Yet only sixty seconds earlier the 60,000 Twickenham crowd were expecting once again to herald Big Roots Bob Hillier. He had looked like repeating his one-man scoring act for England for the third successive international. Scorer of all England's 23 points in the two previous matches, the

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kicking king of Twickenham scored all but three of England's 15 yesterday. But in this game he missed three penalties and two conversions. England rely so heavily on him for points that flanker Tony Neary made news by breaking the monotony with an unconverted second-half try.

The Scots, so dominant throughout in the line-out, suffered a serious blow in the seventh minute when their tearaway centre, John Frame, went off with a badly bruised thigh. He was replaced by substitute Steve Turk, with left wing Alastair Biggar moving inside to centre. This put extra responsibility on the speedy Rea, who must have impressed the Lions' selectors at this final hour.

The biggest battle was at the base of the scrum, where David Powell and new cap Fran Cotton were pushing Scotland's smaller props, McLauchlan and Alex Carmichael, down to such an extent that there were several collapses.

England have found the right half-back combination with the new pairing of scrum half Jackie Page and Dick Cowman. Cowman had a hand in England's magnificient try by Hillier which opened the scoring in the eleventh minute.

England: Tries: Hillier, Neary. Pens: Hiller, 3. Scotland: Tries: P. Brown, Paterson, Rea. Conversions: P. Brown, 2. Drop goals: Paterson, Rea. Penalties: Hillier, Neary. Replacements: J. Andries (Beds), C. McLauchlan (Northampton), J. Spencer (Huddersfield), D. McHugh (Cork), A. Carmichael (Leeds), D. Powell (Northampton), P. Hillier (Hampshire), P. Cotton (Loughborough College), P. Larner (Northampton), M. McLauchlan (Leeds), D. Cowman (Hampshire), A. Turk (Northampton), A. Biggar (Bath), A. Neary (Bath), I. Wright (Northampton). Replacements: A. Wright (Northampton) for Hillier. Referee: C. Durand (France).

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## The hair apparent

Ruthless, arrogant, heartless. Michael Portillo's been called a lot of things, few of them polite. But we've rarely glimpsed the man behind the tanned façade and the architect, let's face it, of the greatest quiff in political history



PHOTOGRAPH BY PHILIP MORRIS

**O**K, Michael Portillo, are you planning on making a political comeback? "Yes." When? "I shall probably look for a seat at the next general election." "Good question?" he replies, with such fainting enthusiasm that I'm as won over as he'd intended. "I can certainly adapt to having lunch at 3pm."

In short, he's a Tory you could actually sleep with, which is quite something, because there aren't many of those about. I ask Michael what it feels like to have been constantly described as the most beautiful man in British politics. He says: "Well, I try to think everything that's written about me is crap, because then I can cope when horrible things are written."

You are lovely looking, though.

So are you.

I'm not.

"Well, you have oodles of personality." Bloody hell, I'm not that plain. At least he can't charm his way out of everything.

Aside from being a consultant at Kerr

English and had to take a job sweeping the roads for 10 bob a week. Although he went on to translating jobs in the civil service, and to marry Michael's mother (Cora Waldegrave Blyth, a Scottish teacher) and settle north London, he was always very much the intellectual-in-exile.

"I wasn't born when he had to sweep the streets, so I don't know if he felt humiliated by that. But, when I was a young boy, I do remember a gas man coming round and I don't know what went wrong, but there was some alteration and the gasman called my father 'a bloody foreigner', and my father was not only indignant at the time but years afterwards he would refer back to it. I'm sure that was because he felt humiliated."

And did you? "Yes. I felt terrible about it."

Do you fear humiliation? "Yes."

You'd think that, given his father's experience, Michael would have grown up sympathising with the underdog, but instead he opted to react the opposite way.

He would not be humiliated. He would be worth something. He would not be "a bloody foreigner", always on the outside.

He would be among the rulers, rather than the ruled. He would have power and he would exert it.

Ironically, of course, it all ended in the most terrible humiliation on the night of 1 May 1996. "Actually, what I find humiliating might not be what you expect. I didn't feel humiliated when I was defeated. I felt I was part of the democratic process, and I believe in the democratic process. For as long as I was elected, I had legitimacy; then when I wasn't, I didn't. I fear humiliation, but it might not come in the shape others might think."

What shape does it come in, then? "It comes when you know you've let yourself down. That is real humiliation." An example? "Ah, hmm, well..." You see? He just won't let you get to the bottom of him.

As a young boy, Michael was, in fact, a socialist like his father. At primary school, he had a picture of Harold Wilson on his wall. At 11, he was "running committee rooms for the Labour Party". His transformation came at Cambridge University, where he studied history. "I remember when I first got there someone I knew had been invited to a meeting of the Cambridge University Conservative Association, and I was shocked. The idea of being Conservative at that age was shocking to me. But by the time I left, I was Conservative."

Why? "Partly the influence of friends, partly the political events of the time, which were the two miners strikes of 1972 and 1974. There was little doubt, at that time, that the Tories were the coming thing. And Michael needed to be a part of that."

He has always been the supreme career politician. I'm not saying he's unprincipled. Just that the career pulled along everything else. He would happily push through Tory policy, even when he personally didn't agree with it. "I remember when a Scottish MP told me they'd just introduced the poll tax in Scotland, and it was going to come to England. I said to him I thought that completely daft. The reasons it was introduced in Scotland were all to do with Scotland. They'd had a re-rating. We hadn't. It seemed to me that to make a register of the entire population of England was going to be impossible, and un-Conservative." But you were the Minister in charge of the poll tax here! "Yes. And you will find, on the record, speeches I

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## THE DEBORAH ROSS INTERVIEW

McGee, he has also been keeping himself busy with journalism (book reviews, mostly) and presenting television programmes. He likes doing TV. He likes the "team-work", which is what, he says, he misses most about politics. I tell him there's a job going on *Blue Peter*. "Is there?" Are you going good at knocking up Christmas decorations with two old coat-hangers and a bit of tinsel? "NO. I fear I wouldn't be good at that at all. I do have a creative urge, but not in that way." His most recent excursion into telly was, actually, a very moving, lyrical, perhaps even revealing programme in the BBC's *Great Railway Journeys Of The World* series, in which he travelled across Spain, exploring his ancestry while taking in the life of his late father, Luis. Luis was a Spanish liberal academic who fled Franco at the end of the civil war and came to this country in 1939. If Portillo has a heart, and you want to get to it, then Luis might be a good place to start.

Michael adored his father. He wrote poetry. "When I think of him, the fingers of one hand are striking his forehead, tapping rhythms of sonnets that form in his mind." He could also "cut animals from pieces of paper, freehand". He recently died of Alzheimer's, which was painful to watch. "The first indication was at lunch one day, when he suddenly shouted something unintelligible and then looked rather sheepish and embarrassed." Still, by this time, Michael had seen his father witness many humiliations. Having been a much-respected Professor of Civil Law at Salamanca University, he arrived here as a penniless refugee whose qualifications were worth nothing and, who, initially, could speak no

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## Whose organs?

Sir: John Harris argues for legislation to ensure that all organs from dead bodies are automatically available for transplant without consent being required ("We should recycle the dead to help the living", 19 February). His justification is that the preferences of the potential recipients (the desire to live) far outweigh those of the dead (the desire to be buried or cremated whole).

However, of all the claims to ownership rights that we make, those concerning our bodies are the least contentious. Unlike our rights to property, the right to inhabit our bodies has never been sensibly questioned. His stance is not consistent with any system that permits an individual to bequeath her property on her death.

None of this is to deny that a vast number of people could be persuaded to donate their organs on their death. Social attitudes are evolving away from the superstitious/religious belief that there is "something wrong" with the use of a dead person's organs, and one hopes that in future generations the majority will choose to allow their organs to be used on their death. Choice remains, however, crucial. Each of us owns our bodies, and, since this accords us the right to do with them as we will when we are alive, we have the right to determine what happens to them on our death.

Harris refers to compulsory post-mortem examinations in an attempt to persuade us that such a right does not, in fact, exist. However, while providing good reasons why post-mortem examinations serve the public interest, Harris fails to justify his assertion that there is a "strong public interest" in organ transplants. Organ transplants are undertaken in the interests of the individual concerned; in an attempt to extend the life of the recipient because the recipient desires to live longer.

So is there a "third way"? There is, and it is one that Harris mentions at the end of his article: a "fully consensual scheme". The system at the moment is flawed insofar as it allows relatives to veto the use of the deceased's organs. Ownership rights to a body can only sensibly be ascribed to the inhabitant (not her family as well), and so her wishes should always be met where possible.

There is a strong case for a default system that would permit organ use on death except where the individual had specified otherwise. This would still allow the individual to "opt out" for any reason: religious, superstitious, misanthropic and so on.

Although it would be wonderful for all potential organ recipients to have a matching donor, they do not have the right to take possession of another person's organs.

ANDREW S LEGGETT  
Department of Philosophy  
University of Reading

Sir: For Professor Harris's scheme to be enacted, there will need to be a full debate on the circumstances of organ donation.

It is suggested by Professor Harris and others that the removal of organs at post-mortem examination is similar to that at organ donation: this is simply not the case. In the former, death is certain, circulation is stagnant and the body cold. At donation, death is diagnosed, the circulation supported, and the body warm.

These facts, and others which would be even more distasteful to many, are essential for the understanding of organ donation. It would be wholly inappropriate to propose legislation to allow the removal of organs without consent without laying the full facts before the public.

Dr JOHN URQUHART FRCA  
Consultant Anaesthetist  
West Suffolk Hospital  
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Sir: Post-mortem examinations are carried out on dead bodies; organs are harvested from living ones, in spite of Professor Harris's use of the term "cadaver".

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Venice Carnival No 1: a masked reveller sets out for the ball

Andrew Buurman

He should know what most of those carrying donor cards do not. At the time of harvesting they will remain on life-support, be warm, pink and breathing with a ventilator; have a heartbeat and pulse, and have some brain activity. They will also be responsive to pain, requiring paralysing drugs, blood transfusion and anaesthetics for the surgery. Horrifyingly, not all will receive anaesthesia. This is a far cry from the cold, white, stiff lifeless body undergoing post-mortem examination.

Presumed consent (now supported by the BMA) or Professor Harris's wish for compulsion would remove any need for such awkward explanations.

Dr DAVID J HILL  
Consultant Anaesthetist  
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire

### Lord in waiting

Sir: I would like to sit in the House of Lords and I think I could provide just as much of an "independent, free-thinking and unprejudiced element" as Viscount Head and his colleagues (letter, 19 February). Can the noble lord please explain why he has more right to a seat in the Lords than I have?

IAN DICKINS  
Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Sir: Can we have either (a) a vote as soon as possible for a democratic second chamber, or (b) a moratorium on unselected major landowners writing in and telling us that they are not ruled by narrow self-interest because they do not belong to a political party?

The Rev DAVID E FLAVELL  
Liverpool

### GM stowaways

Sir: You report (20 February) the eating of genetically modified tomatoes by Zeneca researchers, seeds and all, and the danger that the seeds may germinate and grow on a sewage farm somewhere in Berkshire, thus spreading the

modified genes around in an uncontrolled manner.

Surely we must also be concerned about visitors from countries where GM tomatoes are freely available and eaten? If someone has, for example, eaten a GM tomato in New York prior to flying to Heathrow then the digested seeds could end up in any sewage farm in the UK or Europe.

International travel is making a mockery of any attempts to prevent the entry of GM organisms within Britain and other countries which currently do not allow commercial growing of them.

Dr DIGBY L JAMES  
Weston Rhyn, Shropshire

### Country bus misery

Sir: I have every respect for Ken Livingstone ("Don't privatisate the Tube by the back door", 17 February) and think he ought to have the chance to run for Mayor of London. But don't many Londoners sound so insular?

He says of the Tube: "It has got so bad that I routinely have to allow an extra 10 to 15 minutes on any journey to cope with unexpected delays."

Sir: John Ashwell (letter, 19 February) is in serious error in repeating the claim that the Church of England was only "established" by Henry VIII. The right to appoint bishops was exercised by English monarchs, though sometimes resisted by the Pope, for hundreds of years before Henry VIII was even thought of.

R.J.HALL  
Chichester, West Sussex

Sir: David Edmonds (Right of Reply, 18 February) states: "In 1995, Phonekey added a 1 to every geographical number. This increased available capacity from 900 million numbers to 9 billion." This means that with our current

As a local councillor I recently got a letter from a distressed lady whose only bus is likely to be axed. On Tuesday the bus goes through the village, allowing her to shop in the town for two hours before returning. It is supported by the county council but, with more demands chasing less money, it faces the chop. The saving in taking off one bus a week is clearly minimal.

Where is this happening?

Dartmoor? Northern Scotland? The villages affected are Wakes Colne and Mount Bures, a few miles outside Colchester in Essex and about 50 miles from Charing Cross. We know London has serious transport problems but we in the sticks would like a few of its millions.

HENRY SPYVEE  
Colchester  
Essex

### Front-line NHS

Sir: I disagree with Jeremy Laurance ("Stoicism might save the NHS", 16 February). He suggests that the public should show restraint in consulting their GPs, or perhaps be charged a fee

for each consultation. My great uncle, a GP I much admired, said that the art of general practice was to spot the one ill person among the hundred who consulted you. And how can the inexpert public know if their illness is significant?

My father, also a GP I much respected, advised me to drop everything and call urgently if asked to "drop in and see someone sometime if passing", but not to worry too much about the "come at once".

I was privileged to be his partner for a few years before being seduced by the glamour and excitement of hospital medicine. The GPs in the front line are the salt of what is still, for all its warts, the best health service in the world. Bevan rightly considered that it should be free to all at the point of provision, and that point should be accessible to all. A hurdle at access might deter the needy.

Tolerance indeed is needed, but of the struggling NHS by the public it serves. Love it or lose it.

JOHN ATKINS FRCCG  
Sudbury, Suffolk

### IN BRIEF

population of about 58 million we have 155 lines per person in this country. Mr Edmonds says that we can now have a separate telephone number for each member of our family.

Just how big does he envisage the family of the future to be?

ROBERT G BREW  
Worthing, West Sussex

Levies, East Sussex

Sir: General Obasanjo (unlike General Abacha) cannot reasonably be characterised as a dictator ("Ex-dictator tops poll in Nigeria", 16 February).

He took office on the platform of creating an independent electoral process, holding free and fair elections, returning

the army to barracks and retiring from politics. He did precisely what he had sought.

In fairness ... on how many days a year do the hunt and its followers come out?" The answer is, a minimum of three days a week and often as many as six days a week on some hunts during the hunting season, which stretches from the end of August until the middle of March.

This is over half of the year that we have to tolerate these bullies

chasing our wildlife to death and churning up our bridle paths in all weathers.

They also have the cheek to tell those who protest

against the hunt to "get a job".

Unlike the six-days-a-week

hunters, most of us do have one.

SUSAN DICKENS  
Hove, East Sussex

### Straw not so daft

Sir: Jack Straw said people should consider questioning folk who were behaving anti-socially. He did not suggest people should "take the law into their own hands", or that they should be "bossing everyone about and marching people they do not like the look of down to the police station" (leading article, 19 February).

I am not a member of the Labour Party, but I am a member of the human race. Do you really think I should ignore bad behaviour in my town? I might be too frightened always to act, but I don't consider it daft to think that sometimes I should.

PHILIP COOK  
Westbury, Wiltshire

Sir: Jack Straw may like to know that I recently took a young man to task for throwing his cigarette packet wrapper on to the pavement.

"Can't you take your rubbish home?" I challenged him. He laughed and retorted: "I live on the street."

MALCOLM WILLIAMS  
Westgate, Herefordshire

### Four-wheel bullies

Sir: Ian Leslie, writing about people who follow the hunt in 4x4 vehicles (letter, 17 February), asks: "In fairness ... on how many days a year do the hunt and its followers come out?" The answer is, a minimum of three days a week and often as many as six days a week on some hunts during the hunting season, which stretches from the end of August until the middle of March.

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### Thames threatened

Sir: Five years ago, a long-overdue initiative was launched amid widespread acclaim - the Thames Landscape Strategy, to conserve, protect and enhance the river Thames. A number of local authorities and organisations are "responsible" for the Thames, but the national interest too often slips through the gaps between them, and a series of planning decisions have been taken at a local level which have damaged the character and environment of this great natural and cultural asset.

The latest case is the former swimming pool site on Twickenham riverside which is rare in retaining its 18th-century buildings and village atmosphere. The proposals now before the Richmond upon Thames council comprise a development, seven stories high, with 37 apartments, an auditorium, cinemas and restaurants. This would be another out-of-scale development like the ice-rink site further down the river opposite Richmond Hill. There would be next to no open space left on this sensitive site.

We had hoped that such commercial over-development on the Thames was a thing of the past, and that such schemes would be judged by their effect on the Thames' environment. The present scheme has aroused vehement local opposition and should be dropped.

Doing nothing is not an alternative. The borough needs the help and encouragement of all those interested in the future of the Thames, to produce a modest scheme which enhances the quality of this precious stretch of the river and conserves the intimate scale and working character of the Twickenham and Eel Pie waterfronts.

Lord ATTENBOROUGH  
Sir DAVID ATTENBOROUGH  
Patron, the Thames Landscape Strategy  
MARTIN BRUNT  
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Richmond Society  
RAMBER GASCOIGNE  
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BRIAN PARKER  
Twickenham Society  
PETE TOWNSHEND  
Sir PETER WAKEFIELD  
Twickenham, Middlesex

### Strong government

Sir: Steve Richards rightly makes the point in his article on business men in government (Comment, 18 February) that a key reason for their introduction is that "this was a government full of ministers with no experience of running anything after 18 years in opposition".

The fundamental cause of Labour's difficulties lies as ever in our weak electoral system. Proportional representation, over which Mr Blair is dragging his feet, would have offered him and his colleagues a chance to cut their adult teeth well before they arrived at their present situation. The Labour Party would not have spent 18 years in the wilderness, but different members of it would have gained experience of responsible decision-making along the way.

English people talk of strong government as one-party rule. Coalition government, based on proportional representation, would be a good deal healthier, not to say more efficient. In the complex world that we inhabit we cannot afford to be run by amateurs.

PATRICIA GRAHAM  
Tonbridge, Kent

### No problem

Sir: It is always inconvenient when the language lacks a simple designation for a common phenomenon, and at present we seem to have a vocabulary gap for "confident government assurance that there is no danger to the public from leaks of nuclear radiation, flying saucers, genetically modified food, or whatever it might be. As tentative suggestions, how about a *Guinness* or a *Cunningham*, or a *Blast*?

CONNOR FERRIS  
Exeter

## Monica Lewinsky and other amusing aural confusions

IT'S TIME to drag Dr Wordsmith out of the pub and into the office again to answer some of your fascinating questions about the English language's use today. All yours, doc!

Dear Dr Wordsmith, I am fascinated by the way you can get two words or phrases which sound identical but which are written quite differently, thus obscuring their similarity. The other day I overheard someone talking about an American whose name, as far as I could gather, was "Monica Lewinsky". I had never heard of "Monica Lewinsky" but he seemed to be very famous. Suddenly I realised that they were talking about Monica Lewinsky! These two names look rather different on paper but are pronounced entirely the same!

Dr Wordsmith writes: Highly

very, very fascinating. And what is your question?

Well, I wondered if there were any words which described the process of hearing one word and seeing quite a different one in your mind's eye?

Dear Dr Wordsmith, I was recently at a small provincial airport where they were having an emergency rehearsal of what to do in the event of an air disaster.

There were lots of people round the place covered in bandages with pretend blood seeping through, and some on crutches. When we passed through, they were taking a break, so we had the strange sight of all these terrible casualties standing around with cups of tea, chatting casually and some even smoking.

Dr Wordsmith writes: I see. And do you have a question?

Yes. One of my children asked me if they were dying people, and

out being long-winded. Is there in fact an accepted word for people who stand around in airports looking terribly wounded in order to help a simulated air disaster?

Dr Wordsmith writes: I can think of several, but I am not sure that any of them would be very useful. *Nezz!*

Dear Dr Wordsmith, I can vouch for the experience of the first two letter-writers. At the time of the recent avalanche disaster in Chamonix, I kept hearing the name Chamonix as "Germany". From there it was but a short step to thinking of the song from the Mel Brooks film *The Producers* not as "Springtime for Hitler and Germany" but "Springtime for Hitler and Chamonix".

Dr Wordsmith writes: If anyone else writes in with an apparently

amusing aural confusion, I shall be severely tempted to garrote them. Does anyone have an intelligent question before the siren call of the saloon bar lures me back to more intellectual surroundings?

Dear Dr Wordsmith, Yes, I have a very intelligent question for you. When people lose their sight, they are called "blind". When they lose their hearing, they are called "deaf", and when they lose their speaking ability they are called "dumb". But if

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## There was no public interest in this authoritarian action

LAST WEEK we said Jack Straw was illiberal and he seems determined to prove us right. His legal action against publication of anything from the official report on the police handling of the Stephen Lawrence murder inquiry was heavy-handed, pointless and wrong. Along with other newspapers, *The Independent* argued before the judge yesterday that the injunction was an unjustified interference in the freedom of the press, which is one of the guarantees of the freedom of the people.

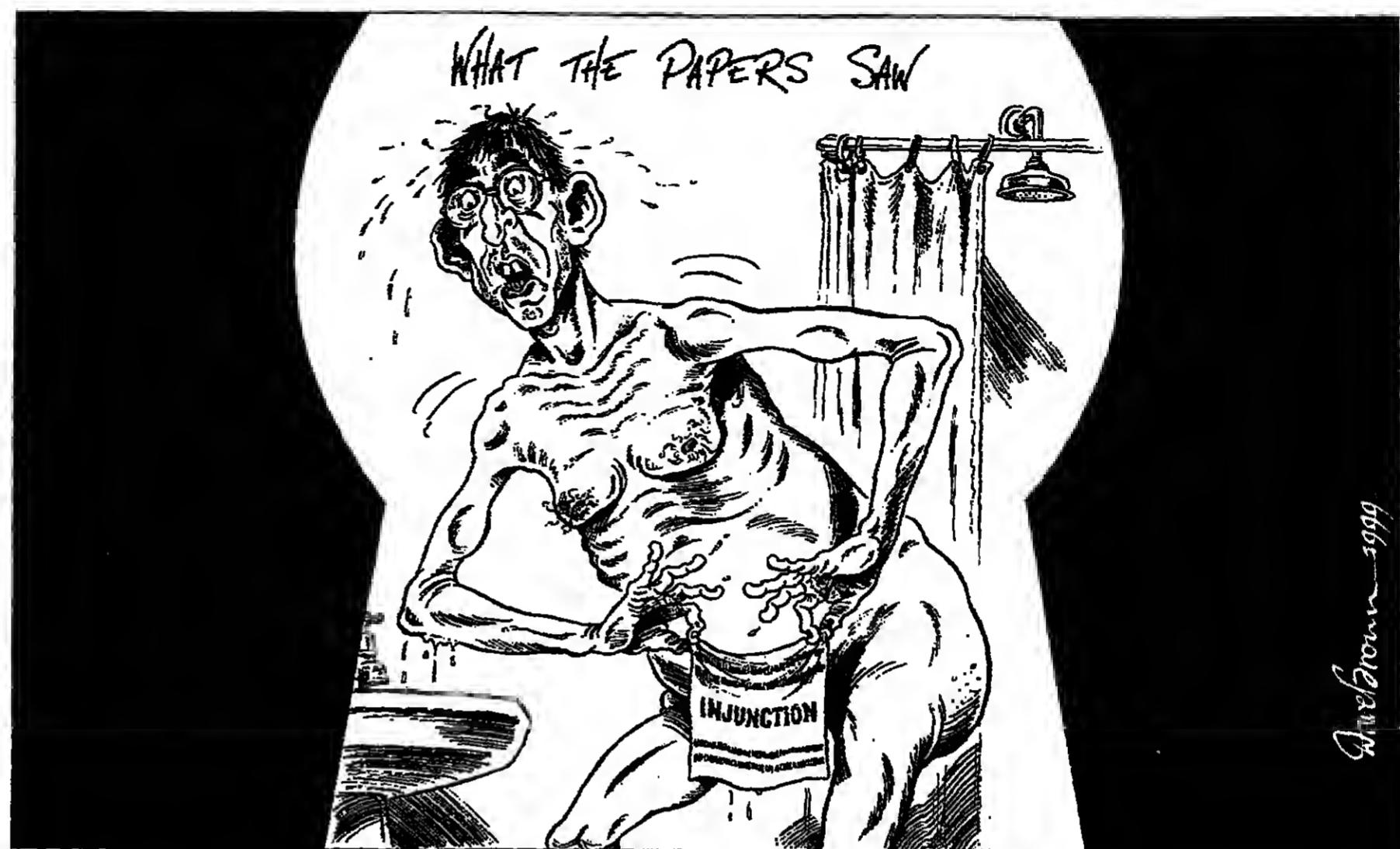
Yes, it would have been better if the Lawrence family had seen the report first, since it is an analysis of an injustice that was done primarily to them. The fact that the family seem to have no objection to the *Sunday Telegraph*'s report is no defence, although it makes the Home Secretary's position look even more ridiculous.

Yes, it would have been better if the report had been presented, fresh and full, to the House of Commons (not that New Labour, more leaking than leaked against, shows much sign of understanding that). By their nature, leaks are biased: they are usually intended to present information in a particular light. That is especially important when a report is judicial in character, concerned with pointing the finger of blame.

So Mr Straw was perfectly entitled to do as much as he could to ensure the inquiry's deliberations were secret and its report remained under wraps until Wednesday. The question is what he should have done when he learnt of the leak. There are some cases when it might conceivably be worth going to the courts in an attempt to suppress publication, but conceiving of them is difficult. Parts of the report had appeared in the first editions of the *Sunday Telegraph*, on one Saturday evening news bulletin in the foreign press and on the Internet – and much of the substance of the report has appeared in this newspaper over the past two months.

Given that injunctions do not really work, there has to be an overwhelming case for them in the public interest. And in no sense can early publication of the Macpherson report be "profoundly unfair", either to the Lawrences or the police, as the Home Office claimed. But even if it were, the right of a free press to be unfair is a vital safeguard in a democracy. Mr Straw was not engaged in a public-relations exercise to "spin" the publication of this report, but a less scrupulous minister might have been, and the ability of journalists to subvert media manipulation by any government is vital to us all.

We hope the Home Secretary simply acted in haste and irritation, before he realised the pointlessness of his action. And that he will restrain his closed-government, controlling tendencies when he is next faced with newspapers that will not behave like the People's Daily.



## A price worth paying for a free market

IF TONY Blair really believed in grown-up, joined-up politics – those clever, patronising coinages of his – he should tell his friend Gerhard Schröder, the new German Chancellor, that he will give up Britain's EU rebate. He won't, of course, because the annual £2bn refund, won by Margaret Thatcher's handbag diplomacy, is a great symbol of national truculence. It is also highly symbolic of the way British public opinion treats the European Union like a shop: "We bought this pig in a poke in 1975; it said on the label it would make us as rich as Germans overnight, and it hasn't: we want our money back."

If the Prime Minister wants to encourage a more mature attitude to what should be more like a workplace – a collective enterprise in which we do not simply ask what

Europe can do for us but what we can do for Europe – he should explain that the only reason we need the rebate is because EU farm policy makes our food so expensive.

Then we could all move on to the argument which really matters: how to dismantle the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). As we report today, the Germans, who are currently minding the shop (or workplace) as holders of the rotating presidency, have tabled some tough proposals to get EU spending under control. In Britain, it is hard to realise how much this issue dominates the German press. Germany pays in to EU funds far more than even its wealth justifies, and the German taxpayer is getting restless.

EU subsidy is already being switched from buying up food at guaranteed prices to direct handouts to farmers, and the Germans want to speed this up while freezing the EU budget at its current level. That would mean a free fish market in food at world prices by 2006. If that happened, British taxpayers would benefit from cheaper food and could afford to chip in more to the Brussels kitty.

If Mr Blair indicated a willingness to link the British rebate to CAP reform, he could win friends in Bonn and undermine people in Paris. The French hypocrisy in pretending to support enlargement of the EU to the east would be exposed, because that simply cannot happen while open-ended farm subsidies are on offer. For too long, Europe's leaders have been allowed to pay lip service to the idea of a wider Europe while focusing all their efforts on the launch of the euro. Now that the euro is real, however, it can be seen as a force pulling the whole of Europe together, rather than simply as a fence around the middle.

But, as Europe expands, the burden on the richer member states will shift from supporting inefficient French farms to reconstructing inefficient Polish factories. Mr Blair needs to start putting the case now for learning from the mistakes of the CEE so that billions are not wasted in subsidy and that the burden is fairly shared. Eventually the British rebate will have to go; now is the time to start thinking of a fair way of replacing it.

## Was all this worth it just for the sake of – Wales, Mr Blair?

REMEMBER THAT bit in Robert Bolt's play *A Man for All Seasons*, when Thomas More tells young Richard Rich, who has betrayed him for the sake of becoming the Welsh Attorney General: "It profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world. But for Wales!" When at the weekend Alan Michael was declared the victor in the contest for the leadership of the Welsh Assembly it was similarly easy to wonder whether the pain was all worth it for a job about which the Welsh people, never mind the rest of us, are highly apathetic, which will have little more power than that of a leader of a large metropolitan county council, and which it is probable, if Mr Blair had been wholly true to his instincts, might not have existed at all.

Indeed it's a miracle that Welsh politics has any capacity to reverberate in London at all. But it does. The referendum on Welsh devolution, which voted Yes by the narrowest and most perilous of majorities, was more seminal than it was given credit for at the time. It was a shock to the New Labour system; it demonstrated that even a vigorous campaign by a wildly popular Prime Minister on the back of a huge general election victory, could not guarantee to turn public opinion on an issue about which the larger segment were apathetic at best and downright hostile at worst.

It is not too much to say that if it had not been for that shock, we might now be confidently awaiting a referendum on House of Commons electoral reform in the current Parliament. Now Wales has reverted again: the election of Mr



DONALD MACINTYRE  
*The Blair government lost, not its soul, but some of its innocence last Saturday at Cardiff*

In the balance of power, cannot now be ruled out. As a result Peter Hain, the Welsh Office minister who ran Mr Michael's campaign and is largely responsible for the fact that his victory was not even narrower, has been pressing Downing Street energetically to sanction a campaign directed at the party's own heartlands: a little less *Daily Mail* and a little more *Mirror*, a little more emphasis on the Government's redistributive measures from the national minimum wage to the Working Families Tax Credit.

Beyond Wales, however, the price is rather different. The uncomfortable fact that Mr Michael depended in part for votes cast by the TGWU in the same, ballot-free way for which the union was reviled for voting for Tony Benn in the deputy leadership contest in 1981, cannot be overlooked. One

Member One Vote (OMOV) democracy has taken a battering and, albeit on a small scale, Tony Blair has had to rely on union leadership just as – whisper it – Harold Wilson used to rely on Bill Carron, the engineering union leader, to beat the left in the 1960s. It is a safe bet we won't be hearing quite so much about further reductions in the block vote at party conferences, much less breaking the party links with the unions altogether, for the time being. The Blair government lost, not its soul, but some of its innocence last Saturday in Cardiff. It amounts to an admission that OMOV – in trade unions as well as constituencies – was a means to doing worthwhile things like getting Tony Blair elected rather than an end in itself.

But that's an old story. Mr Blair has always been more interested in ends than means. For him Wales has been sorted now. It's a safe bet he spent most of yesterday thinking about the much more fundamental questions raised by Sir William Macpherson's report on the murder of Stephen Lawrence and in particular whether Sir Paul Condon should be made, under the threat of the sack, finally to admit that "institutional racism" has prevailed in the Metropolitan Police. The Prime Minister will not exactly be spending this week worrying whether he was right to allow union block votes to be deployed in the election of a politician most people outside Wales, and a lot inside, would still find hard to put a face to.

It doesn't follow though that Mr Blair's apparently Leninist fixation with ends rather than means works

against the interests of devolved government. What has been interesting about the Morgan-Michael contest is precisely what it shows us about Blair the mercenary.

By co-incidence Peter Morgan and Mr Michael had both worked on Blair teams in opposition, Mr Morgan when the future leader was Shadow energy spokesman and Mr Michael when he was shadow Home Secretary. It wasn't personal or ideological; he just thought Mr Michael a lot better than Mr Morgan. And you can only think he doesn't have a right to influence who should be the party's candidate to spend £2bn a year of the Welsh taxpayers' money when he has the right to appoint Bishops, Regius Professors BBC chairmen and goodness knows who else) if you think that devolution is as much a gift for the party membership as it is for the wider electorate. But it isn't. It's for the consumers, not the practitioners of politics. Now if, and only if, he is right about Mr Michael then it follows (1) that he will do a better job for Wales and (2) that the Welsh people will be more likely to vote a Michael-led Welsh Labour party in the future.

Mr Blair has certainly stored up some problems with a party membership in which he once put so much faith. But if nothing else, by paying this price for getting Michael selected, Blair has shown that whatever his initial doubts, he now accepts that the Welsh assembly will happen and it needs to work well.

So was all this worth it just for Wales? Well, yes, as a matter of fact it just might have been.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There is no reason why a man could not carry a child." Dr Simon Fisher, director of the Centre for Assisted Reproduction in Nottingham

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Faith which does not doubt is dead faith." Miguel de Unamuno, Spanish philosopher

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ALL THE NEWS OF THE WORLD  
*The Sunday newspapers comment on policy towards genetically modified food*

"FOR ALL the cackhandedness of his presentation, Mr Blair deserves credit for refusing to be swayed on this issue. He has for once ignored the promptings of his focus groups. The potential benefits of genetic modification for both our health and our environment are too important to be jeopardised for the sake of one week's headlines. Mr Blair may even find that, in the long run, a principled stand can win the voters' respect." *Sunday Telegraph*

WHAT LORD Sainsbury's role in the genetically modified foods debate has exposed is the inadequacies of the modern parliamentary system for accommodating talent plucked from outside the party machines. He has not entered politics; he thus arrives in high office without having been through the bruising apprenticeship that might have prepared him for [this] criticism and scrutiny." *Sunday Business*

THE PRIME Minister describes concerns about genetically modified foods as scaremongering. But his insistence in singing the praises of GM foods in such a gung-ho way is scary." *Sunday Mirror*

It is possible that GM foods are perfectly safe but until we know, we'd like less tinkering with our food, and a bit more humble pie from Mr Blair." *Mail on Sunday*

THE SCALE and reach of Monsanto's lobbying are disquieting in view of the Government's refusal to heed the growing fears about the possible impact of genetic modification on our food and environment. One wonders if our farmers would be enduring the absurd beef-on-the-bone ban if they had a fraction of Monsanto's PR clout." *Independent on Sunday*

THESE WHO raise doubts about genetically modified food

are accused of adopting a Luddite position, but the truth is that scientists themselves are divided on the dangers and the benefits. Far from taking an approach that is against science, we have sought just two concessions: a three-year moratorium on commercial crop development until the results of the Government's own research are available, and clear, consistent and compulsory labelling." *Independent on Sunday*

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## PANDORA

ALUN MICHAEL may have scraped his way into the hot seat of Welsh Assembly leader-elect, but he has yet to make it to the Assembly itself. The Welsh Secretary will face some interesting competition from Richard Booth, the self-styled King of Hay-on-Wye, who will represent Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour Party in the Mid and West Wales region. Booth, who is credited with founding Hay's famous book culture, unfurled a Red Rose banner over his home of Hay Castle to support New Labour during the 1997 general election but has now broken ranks. The eccentric "monarch" will appear on the top-up list with Welsh Secretary Alun Michael, and some on the Welsh political scene have half-joked that Booth may well prove an attractive option to voters who view Michael as a Blair poodle.

READERS of this paper will have no doubt read the responses to "You Ask the Questions" by Sinn Féin leader Gerry Adams last week. In response to one question about terrorist deaths Adams replied: "I like to think that all of these killings are an incentive for those of us who are committed to building a lasting peace settlement." Pandora notes the rather disturbing use of the word "incentive", showing, perhaps, just how much the mindset of both sides in Northern Ireland has to change before further progress is made in the peace process.

THERE IS some irony in the auction of Eric Clapton's guitars, taking place at Christie's in New York this summer. The money raised from the auction of the instruments, which include a 1956 Fender Stratocaster on which Clapton played his famous 'Layla', will go to Clapton's drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre in the Caribbean. It was Clapton's own problems with drugs that prompted the musician to set up the facility, indeed as Clapton's biographer Harry Shapiro indicates, the money he spent on drugs meant that Christie's auction could never be definitive: "Not having immediate access to the money to be earned, the habit cost him the odd car and some of his very rare guitars, but at least he survived."

THERE WERE some shocked faces at an Oxford University ball recently. Amongst the invited guests was Austrian Ambassador Dr Eva Nowotny, who showed that she knew more about bright young things than was expected.



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MEANWHILE, AGRICULTURE Minister Nick Brown has raised a few eyebrows at MAFF. Strong rumours of a soon-to-be held policy meeting between Brown and the Liberal Democrats have been circulating. However, it is not the lingering whiff of cross-party cooperation that is rubbing Brown's ministerial colleagues up the wrong way. Sources say it is the fact that he has yet to hold an official meeting with them since he became Agriculture Minister last July. A spokesman at MAFF told Pandora that no date had been set for the meeting with the Liberal Democrats, although it was rather hard to make out exactly what was said over the sound of rustling diaries.

PANDORA IS so excited to have received an invitation to a "New Media Arts" Conference at the University of Luton in March. The opportunity to discuss the function of interactivity, analytical metaphors of the new media and hybridising cultural identities is positively mouth-watering. However, Pandora cannot see any window of opportunity to discuss the way this venture is travelling at high speed up the information superhighway and stationing itself in its own back interface.

SPEAKING OF Garbage, uncompromising singer Shirley Manson (pictured), is setting her sights on an acting career. The fiery-haired Scot has been going online during her band's current tour with Alanis Morissette. In one Internet session Manson told TV Guide Online that acting was:

"something I'll probably be doing at some point" and that she "has had some tempting offers". Pandora can envisage Shirley as a spirited lead in, say, an Irvine Welsh adaptation, but as for Oscar-winning performances Shirley might take note of band member Duke Erikson's pessimistic outlook on Garbage's collective success:

"We are such losers," he remarked to the internet magazine.

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"MAN WILL soon be able to have babies." When I read that news yesterday I had four reactions. The first was: "What are you looking at me for just 'cos I'm a stone overweight?" I've had this turn, doctor, which just sort of hangs there, ever since I gave up playing football. No other reason. Honest. Then I thought: "Fish kettle." Our son, who recently got married, invited us for dinner and he did this whole salmon in a fish kettle. Never seen one before. It reminded me of those metal pans midwives used when delivery babies. If I am to give birth, it could be jolly handy. Just rip round and pick it up, when I get the labour pains.

Will there be labour pains? Lord Winston, the noted fertility person, who has come out with the possibility of blokes giving birth, didn't mention that. Not that I really understood it. Something to do with an embryo being planted in a man's abdomen, where he will carry it to term, then give birth by Caesarean section. All possible, so they say.

And long overdue. Women have become far too dominant in this childbirth lark, ob for centuries. More so in the last decade. They now

even things up more. Men would be able to take to their day couch for nine months, stuff themselves with Milk Tray, Guiness or lumps of coal and get total attention. Some women do, that's yes. And it would stop them scoring points for ever when a man moans about his cut finger or his grazed knee or sore bum. "Until you've had a baby, you don't know what real agony is, so just shut up." They wouldn't be able to say that any more. Oh no!

But could I personally bear to have a baby? When our first was about to be born, I went to father's classes at the Royal Free in Hampstead, the first such classes in England. There's a thousand words in that, I thought. But I also wanted to know how it was done. My wife, alas, was in labour for about 13 hours. I got fed up waiting, so popped out for a pie. When I got back, she'd given birth. Never been forgiven.

For our second, the birth took place at home, in the room which is now our kitchen. And I was there, all the way through. In fact it was thanks to me, he's here now, able to use a fish kettle. He was born with the cord twisted round his neck and

I helped untie it. So I have seen service. But the pain, the pain. I don't think I could stand it.

Last week, I turned in to some telly thing called *Playing the Field*, only because my wife said it was about football. Turned out to be women's football. I watched for 30 minutes, without seeing a ball kicked, then left the room, rather hurriedly, when one of the players was about to go into labour. Yuck!

On the other hand, as Lord Winston is so awfully clever, blokes having babies would metamorphose into people able to cope with having babies. Just as women do. Aged 20, they often say: "No chance, I don't want no babies", then at 30 they go all hooey. Pregnant men, presumably would be programmed by their hormones, and act like women, able to put up with all that pain and mess, and stuff, and not worry about where their next pie was coming from.

It would also even things up culturally and economically. I'm in the middle of a book about the West Indies, and on every island, developed or otherwise, I keep coming across women who have taken over. Bank clerks, hotel staff, solicitors, they all

seem to be women - smart and trim in their suits, so organised and reliable. While their men, poor petals, sit around on the beach or bench all day, drinking or "lurking".

Fishing and farming, which they consider real jobs for real men, have gone, but they won't demean themselves by doing service jobs. So many just do nothing, supported by their women. Now if - while sitting around at home, or on the beach, they could have babies - equality in marriage would be possible.

A book. That was my fourth reaction. Fay Weldon, who is my age, she's been knocking out all this stuff about women being cloned, doing without men. There must now be scope for a novel by a man, doing without women. With IVF and all those other initials, women still need a few drops of sperm. They can't produce that on their own. Not so far. But if men gave birth, they could then do the whole shooting match. Go screw yourself would come true. Men would be absolutely totally in charge. I'm sure I could do a 80,000 words novel on this theme in the next two months. After all, it is fiction. Isn't it?

## The birth of a new role for men



HUNTER DAVIES

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don't need a bloke at all, not at first band, but can pick up the stuff at any local sperm bank. Very soon, to save you queuing in the bank, it will be part of the cash point. You'll put in your card, key in your pin number, blood group, DNA, choice of eye colour, and bingo, you get a take-away sperm, injected into your hand. Or anywhere else.

If men could have babies, it would

SOME PEOPLE are alarmed by what they see as the increasing influence of the press. We are getting rule by the tabloids, and it is very like rule by the mob, wrote the admirable Peregrine Worsthorne in *The Daily Telegraph* last week. I do not share his concern. I could re-phrase that: I am not perturbed about the strengthening of a countervailing power to that of the State - that is what is happening.

Let us recall how political power in its widest sense has shifted during the past 25 years. At the beginning of the period, the government of the day had two rival forces to take into consideration - the local authorities and the trades unions. In contrast, newspapers were so constrained by the printing unions that they appeared feeble upon the national stage; moreover their proprietors and editors were mostly stooges of the Conservative party.

Local authorities had much greater scope for independent action than they have at present. The trades unions could bring employers to their knees with relative ease. They made the conduct of anti-inflationary policy impossible. They were also bullying, undemocratic organisations. Both local authorities and trades unions could thwart the plans of central government.

Mrs Thatcher's administration, elected into office in 1979, passed successive Acts of Parliament which effectively dismantled these two rivals. In the case of the unions, this required courage. The famous miners' strike threatened a different sort of power: the electricity supply. Nonetheless the Iron Lady prevailed. The authority of the State was reasserted and enhanced.

The power that had been lost, however, did not simply evaporate or run into the ground. It was picked

up by the press and by pressure groups. In particular newspapers - now free of trades union restraints in their day-to-day output - having to reflect the arrival of third party politics with the defection of David Owen and Roy Jenkins from the Labour party; influenced too by the arrival of a less deferential society - began to take on the government of the day.

It is wrong to see the flourishing of newspaper power as having been

called into being by Mr Blair and New Labour. Perry Worsthorne was in error when he wrote that the most prominent feature of new Labour's great constitutional revolution in most people's minds was not devolution and the reform of the Lords but "the rise in the power of the Fourth Estate at the expense of the authority and prestige of every other national institution". It was John Major's government which suffered the first blow.

Indeed the incessant spin doctoring of the present Government is an

acknowledgement of the sheer power of the national press, not the cause of it. It is similar to the technique that the intelligent wrestler employs when faced with a formidable opponent - he uses the power of his adversary to bring about his defeat.

Spin doctoring is essentially a defensive technique, a method of warding off the blows which may be about to land. And when the Prime Minister's press spokesman, Alastair Campbell, said the other day that, in future, the Government would try to bypass the national press by speaking more directly to the public through radio and television interviews; press conferences; soft question and answer sessions with magazines, and even coverage in the foreign press, he was admitting defeat.

Why do I focus on newspapers rather than on the media in its broadest sense? After all, the circulation of national newspapers is in secular decline, especially among young people, while radio and television channels flourish and multiply. The fact is that, in matters of public policy, national newspapers can freely attack who and what they like, whereas the news output of the electronic media is strictly regulated so as to provide impartial coverage. On radio and television the reporting of policy initiatives follows the same un-illuminating form - the Government says this, the Opposition disagrees; in other words, assertion, denial, denial. It is very boring. This is why broadcasting companies plan their daily news coverage in light of what the mornings newspapers have done. The Fourth Estate is the national newspaper - it is not the BBC.

What we can thank the entire media market for, is the way it seems to provide a daily seminar on the question of the day. Once the "big issue" has been established, every radio news programme, every chat show dealing with current affairs, every television news service, every daily newspaper has a go. What is this doctrine of reincarnation about which Mr Hoddle appears so muddled; what do Hindus and Buddhists believe about this? What are the rights and wrongs of genetically modified food? Who are the Kurds and why are they rioting? When a hospital wishes to perform an operation on your sick child, what does informed consent really mean?

Next week, we shall all partake in a further lengthened examination of the question highlighted by the Lawrence report - whether the police are

riddled with racism. Unless one confines one's radio listening to music, and one's television viewing to soaps, and ignores newspapers altogether, it is impossible to avoid this daily national debate, which jumps without a backward glance from one subject to another. That is why people are much better informed than they used to be.

Certainly the freebooting, mav-



Tony Blair: wrongly blamed for newspaper power Tom Craig

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# A dreadful performance



**PETER HALL**  
New Labour, supported with such hope by our cultural community, has got it badly wrong

IN THE last week I have been asked repeatedly to defend my gloomy view of the future of British theatre. It is, unfortunately, as clear as can be. If things go on as they are, there will be a gentle but inexorable decline, less theatres up and down the country, smaller audiences, and a concentration on a few great flagship organisations (the National, the RSC, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Birmingham) supported by a Government that paradoxically is against elitism. In this new landscape, elitism will rule because theatre will inevitably be turned into a minority art – and an increasingly expensive one.

"Get what the market will bear," said Thatcher to the theatre world. "Lower your seat prices – be accessible," says New Labour. "But, by the way, there is no more money. Provide it by cuts. You ought to manage better." At the same time that they trumpet more money for the arts, the Independent Theatre Council records that "55 per cent of small and mid-scale companies are on standstill funding. For many of them, it is for the fifth or sixth year in a row." New Labour doesn't seem to notice the contradictions.

It seems Arts Council policy to provoke the end of many small theatres so that resources can be concentrated on the big boys. This is a terrible mistake. Great theatre has to be fed from unexpected sources. You cannot plan art into existence.

Drama is no longer taught in classrooms. Visits to good professional productions are now beyond the reach of most school children. Within 20 years, the taste for drama will have been diminished, even lost. Any art requires understanding. It pays back tenfold in inspiration what the spectator puts in knowledge. Within 20 years, the small theatres up and down the country that develop new talent – and most importantly, new audiences – will probably be gone.

The problems of the theatre are spiritual as well as economic. New Labour, supported with such hope by our cultural community, has got it badly wrong. The Government began by cutting educational programmes in the arts. They are now neglecting the grass-roots of theatre while spending £200m on the Dome. Yet while they neglect it, they



Alan Ayckbourn, outside his Stephen Joseph Theatre in Scarborough: 'I must see how thinly I can spread the jam to maintain a viable operation'

J Angerson

never stop telling us what a fine job they are doing. Grants are increased, says the Minister. But by the time the increase has been processed through all the various quangos, it often ends up as less than inflation. Is this policy or a mistake?

The gap between what is said to be done and what is actually done (the most characteristic failing of this Government) grows wider and wider. And without a coherent opposition, the case for anything "off-message" – and certainly the needs of the regional theatre – will never be heard.

The Government makes great play about accessibility, educational schemes, low seat prices and all manner of outreach projects. They don't seem to recognise that all those laudable aims were invented and pursued in the Sixties. They were checked in the Seventies (by recession and Thatcher), starved in the Eighties and almost destroyed in the Nineties. The arts world doesn't need lecturing about what to do: they need the resources to enable them to do it.

When the entire Drama Panel of the Arts Council resigned last year because they were faced with a future of minimal influence, over 60 subsidised theatre directors out of a possible 65 met in London to support the Panel. As the current arts climate was discussed, one director pointed out that 30 to 40 per cent of

the organisations represented were unlikely to be in existence in two years' time. The Government or the Arts Council has done nothing since to lighten this black prediction.

For some months, a group of leading artists (and there is almost no one of consequence who has not given support) have held meetings to consider the need for an Arts Rally – something like the Countryside Rally. The aim was to raise public consciousness about what is being done to our arts. However, as more and more bad news came in from educationalists and arts organisations, it was obvious that a rally was too general an aim. Something more specific had to be done.

It was therefore decided to form a Shadow Arts Council. Its organisation would be simple: a phone and fax number available to any journalist or member of the public who had a story of arts deprivation. Its aim would be to promote public discussion and co-ordinate the response of the artistic community. When the Government decides our children need less music in our schools, it is not left to Simon Ratte to fight the battle on his own.

There was an experienced voice at our meeting. "Don't," he said, "announce all the names of artists who are supporting this idea. Keep some of them as surprises because the Government will assuredly start to spin against every member of the

moment it is announced. By discrediting them, they will seek to marginalise them."

I found it hard to take this Kafkaesque reading of modern politics seriously, but now I'm not so sure. Subsequent events have proved to me the absolute necessity of this initiative.

The week before last, I used the Olivier Awards as a platform to announce the Shadow Arts Council. Within 10 minutes of stepping off the stage, I was being accused of sour grapes; the initiative was merely a personal response to the Arts Council's refusal of a grant to enable me to continue my work with a repertory company at the Old Vic (thank you, Chris Smith). By Monday, my criticisms were being dismissed as predictable and perennial whinge (thank you, Alan Howard, on *Today*). The following day both jibes were combined in the same article (thank you, Melvyn Bragg, in *The Guardian*). In their alacrity to dismiss me, they don't seem to notice or care that the two accusations are mutually exclusive. Either I am a long-term and indiscriminate whinger or a slighted loser in this year's funding round – they should choose which. The absurdity of Melvyn's thesis was revealed by another full-page article on the same day in the same paper: "Arts Council of England Rhetoric – Pit About the Grants."

In the last week I have been overwhelmed by the supportive phone calls and faxes from regional theatres – and these are just the ones who happen to have my home numbers. Jill Frazer wrote from the Wartime Theatre, Newbury – a tiny but important powerhouse. "Our potential deficit this year is large – but it is not brought about by bad management but by gross under-funding which cannot be justified when the productivity of the theatre and the quality of the work is examined. Like many small organisations, we get sidelined in favour of the established clientele – but without support for us and our like, a vital course of bricks in the structure of the theatre will be destroyed for good."

I had news from Alan Ayckbourn whose flourishing theatre (although the local authority won't admit it) has for years kept Scarborough on the map. In spite of Chris Smith's claims for a brave new world of subsidy, the actual increase to Scarborough is £14,000. This 3.5 per cent means nothing after the years of Tory deprivation. Ayckbourn said: "I am in the process of again seeing how thinly I can spread the jam to maintain a viable operation and many of my plans are going to have to be altered and people disappointed."

The story is the same everywhere. At Harrogate, at the insistence of the Yorkshire Arts

Association, Sheena Wrigley was brought in as new management to sort the theatre out. She has succeeded remarkably and has been rewarded (again by the Yorkshire Arts Association) with an increased grant of £5,300. This means they can do three productions a year plus the Pantomime, and their director, Bob Swain, is only needed for eight months of the year. His contract has been adjusted accordingly.

"The bad news continued from small theatres," Nicola Thorold, Director of the Independent Theatre Council said. "55 per cent of small and mid-scale companies are on standstill funding. For many of them it is for the fifth or sixth year in a row."

I believe that the new Arts Council has decided to let the delicate ecology of regional theatres wither. We are well into an agenda of neglect. What can be done? Use us at the Shadow Arts Council; write to your MP; write to Chris Smith. Every theatre whose increase in grant has been negligible should write to *The Independent* so that real facts can replace propaganda.

Noise will have to be the answer because noise will still be heard. We may not have much of an Opposition but we do, thank goodness, still live in a democracy where issues can be raised. We must all speak up to save the regional theatres. We must do it for our children.

## RIGHT OF REPLY

**BRIAN BARKER QC**



The Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association responds to an article by Lord Irvine in last week's legal section

WHEN THIS newspaper scooped its competitors late last year with an exclusive about the Government's plans to set up a controversial Criminal Defence Service, the proposal was greeted with a universal raspberry. This week the plan was thrown out by cross-party Peers in the Lords.

With good reason: the evidence from the United States of salaried public defenders is chilling. Research shows that as state control increases, lawyers are shy of fearlessly asserting their client's case.

The justice system becomes geared to administrative convenience and cost-cutting. This leads to a second-rate system of justice, a culture of uncontested cases and plea-bargaining, where criminals are treated leniently, and the innocent are punished for fear of a more severe sentence.

Worst of all, the justice system can become a tool of the state, capable of being used cynically by the authorities to control socially excluded communities at the margins of society.

The Lord Chancellor's objectives for this US import remained confused: on the one hand the CDS will provide a benchmark for costs; on the other it will fill in gaps in provision, creating locum lawyers in rural areas or the inner cities. Then be talk of "incremental changes" and "piloting schemes". He needs to come clean on his real intention.

Lord Irvine says he wants to control costs. We agree. After considerable work by the Bar Council, we are moving to a system where all barristers' fees in criminal cases are fixed in advance by the Government. We welcome that: what we want is cost control not state control.

# A skewed take on feminism

## MONDAY BOOK

ON THE MOVE: FEMINISM FOR A NEW GENERATION  
EDITED BY NATASHA WALTER  
VIRAGO, £9.99

the proposed minimum wage. As Oona King shows, women still account for most of the world's poorest people.

A professional woman's bias is clearest in Helen Wilkinson's essay. It celebrates Margaret Thatcher as a power-feminist role model and creator of free-market feminism. Bally for the Nicola Horlicks of this world, but their exceptional success does nothing in itself to alter structures in which female oppression shores up male privilege. Transforming these structures has been the central project of political feminism. Of course, different analyses have produced different feminisms, but none of them

boils down to the demand that some women should be as rich and powerful as some men.

Wilkinson slates feminists for seeing the glass as half-empty when they point out that the vaunted "feminisation of labour" consists of low-paid casual or part-time jobs. Instead, she stresses women's advance in the professions, in self-employment and in the "DIY culture of self-promotion". She even acclaims the loss of manufacturing jobs and erosion of union power as gains for feminism, because women have become breadwinners in many working-class families. Quoting Charlotte Raven, Oona King writes: "Half-pint is plenty – as long as you don't have to share it with anyone else".

The teenagers share Wilkinson's stance. They all think that feminism (meaning "equality") has largely been achieved; that they will have professional careers minus sexual discrimination; and that there will be no problem combining this with motherhood. Almost all are anxious to distance themselves from bra-burners, dykes and man-haters. How seriously should we take them? They are a self-selected coterie, their contributions cobbled together from answers in peer interviews to seemingly identical questions. They also tend to tell their interlocutors what they think they want to hear, parroting slogans picked up from home, school and the media.

It's hard not to feel that these girls have swallowed the fourth estate's line that feminism has won and women can have it all. They seem most personal and poignant when talking about their



Is Lady Thatcher really a role-model for all women? Peter Macdiarmid

families, and the families they hope for. Although "housewife" is a dirty word, all want children, but insist on two parents "married for life". Even feisty women earning enough to employ nannies and cleaners will be hard put to make that dream come true.

By contrast, other contributions prove that feminism still has political force. Julie Bindel's piece is outstanding. In a critical history of her involvement as a working-class lesbian in the women's movement since 1979, she shows how feminist campaigners now build coalitions with other groups in campaigns against male violence, using the very media which distorted and dissipated political feminism. Justice for Women, founded by Bindel, was instrumental in freeing Sara Thornton and Emma Humphreys.

As Stephanie Theobald's witty essay on lesbians shows, other fronts remain untouched by the "genderquake". In Livi Michael's harrowing portrayal of the new poverty of single unemployed mothers, Thatcherite economic policy is the main culprit. At its worst, new feminism suggests "femin-ism", a courtesy hyphen for those who are no longer radical, or never were, to dress up the joys of sex and shopping as right-on politics. The new generation of women needs some hard analysis, and more awareness of feminism's history.

LINDA HOLT

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## MONDAY POEM

THE PARTY  
BY ROBERT MINHINNICK

When a pig was killed everything was eaten;  
Only the bristling hide dispensable,  
And that was scalded and scraped off.  
Pig-killing day meant a party in the village,  
Cider and stone-ginger unstoppered.  
When the working ceased, the familiar  
Talk of the slaughter-man wiping his  
Blades on dockleaves, pig-blood dark as blackberries  
Trodden into the dust. And then  
A joke, or ritual, alarming to some:  
The youngest child placed inside the split carcass,  
And lifted out laughing from the womb's long slot.  
Our poems today and tomorrow come from Robert Minchinick's  
*Selected Poems* (Carcanet Press, £6.95).

# Sir Russell Fairgrieve

RUSSELL FAIRGRIEVE held high office in the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party and was an influential figure in many of the significant events of the party's post-war history. Had he lived just a few more weeks, he would have witnessed the reality of a Scottish parliament, a cause in which he had steadfastly believed for over 30 years.

Fairgrieve was born in 1924 into a prosperous mill-owning Borders family. Educated at St Mary's School in Melrose, and later at Sedbergh, he saw war service as a commissioned officer in the 8th Gurkha Rifles and continued his military service in the TA with the King's Own Scottish Borderers until 1963.

Returning from army service, he embarked upon his twin careers of business and politics. After studying at the Scottish College of Textiles in Galashiels, he gained experience in the textile industry before following his father into the long-established family yarn-spinning firm of Laidlaw & Fairgrieve. He ran the Laidhope Mills in Galashiels, becoming a director of Dawson International after it acquired their firm, and he retained a lifelong interest in the textile industry.

Nineteen forty-seven saw his incipient interest in politics. Joining the local branch of the Young Unionists, he had within three years become convenor of the powerful eastern division of the Scottish Young Unionists. At the comparatively young age of 25, he was elected to the Galashiels Town Council and Selkirk County Council. He rose through the ranks of the senior Scottish party and was chairman of the Eastern Divisional Council at the time of the controversial and, in some quarters, bitterly opposed cre-

ation of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association, whose first President he became in 1965. With a secure business base, Russell Fairgrieve continued to serve the Scottish Party as vice-chairman (for this he was appointed CBE in 1974). Following the Scottish National Party victory at Hamilton, Edward Heath reappraised Conservative policy on constitutional change, and Fairgrieve was there to offer the timely advice to catch the mood of the Scottish people when Heath made his Declaration of Perth in 1968 committing the Conservative Party to create a Sco-

1974, the abrupt announcement by Col "Mad Mitch" Mitchell that he would not be seeking re-election, created the parliamentary vacancy that Fairgrieve had long sought. He served diligently as MP for West Aberdeenshire until 1983 when he left Parliament to resume a business career in which his vision and acumen were widely recognised.

Margaret Thatcher appointed him Chairman of the Scottish Party in 1975, a duty which he combined with that of the Scottish Whip in a parliamentary party which had been ravaged by SNP victories in its rural heartland. Fairgrieve set about

Office under George Younger until 1981, when he left government with a well-merited knighthood. He maintained his support for the European Movement, serving as chairman of the Scottish Council, and co-operated willingly and publicly with other politicians on issues which he believed straddled party boundaries.

Russell Fairgrieve was a kindly man but one who did not mince his words. On issues like Europe and devolution which divided the Conservative Party, he was outspoken and uncompromising (the party's growing Euro-scepticism troubled him), yet those who disagreed with him readily acknowledged his sincerity, warmth and humour.

Later life robbed him of his mobility, but he lost neither his spirit nor his commitment to the causes about which he cared. He enjoyed a long and happy marriage and is survived by his wife, Millie, a son and three daughters. A lady of sparkle and charm, Millie was a constant support and, when the pressures of politics lessened, they were able to enjoy many shared pursuits like their love of fine art, in their beautiful home above the Tweed. Russell Fairgrieve fairly epitomised the best traditions of public life in Scotland.

MICHAEL HIRST

Thomas Russell Fairgrieve, businessman and politician: born Galashiels, Selkirkshire 3 May 1924; CBE 1974; MP (Conservative) Aberdeenshire West 1974-83; Chairman, Conservative Party in Scotland 1975-80; Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Scottish Office 1979-81; Kt 1981; married 1954 Millie Mitchell (one son, three daughters); died Berne, Switzerland 17 February 1999.

Fairgrieve: Chairman of the Scottish Conservative Party, 1975-80, and an advocate of devolution

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tish assembly. Although the party subsequently ditched this commitment, and is widely believed to have forfeited electoral support thereby, Fairgrieve remained true to his belief in devolution.

It was natural that he should seek election to Parliament. His local seat of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles had been captured by David Steel at a by-election in 1965 and the Borders association selected Fairgrieve for the 1970 election in preference to the young Malcolm Rifkind. It is one of life's little ironies that the Dawson group, which owned Laidlaw & Fairgrieve, announced redundancies during the campaign, enabling David Steel to scrape back, just. In

his duties with gusto, producing the seminal Fairgrieve Report which heralded much closer co-operation with Central Office in London. He had to battle with entrenched opposition to the loss of independence for the Scottish party, but he stomped the country arguing that it was better to be plugged into the 240 volts of Smith Square than the Scottish party's 12-volt accumulator. He served Thatcher loyally, though his brand of Conservatism was not hers. As architect of the party's campaign to recover seats lost to the Nationalists, he had the satisfaction of winning back seven seats in 1979, and was rewarded with junior ministerial appointment at the Scottish

## Professor Otto Lowenstein

OTTO LOWENSTEIN was one of the scientists and intellectuals who were fortunate to leave Germany well before the outbreak of the Second World War.

He came to Birmingham University in 1933 through the influence of Professor Harold Munro Fox, who was then Head of the Department of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy. Lowenstein had already made a reputation in Munich, where he was a student of Karl von Frisch, the distinguished zoologist who caused a stir in scientific circles with his classic studies on the dance language of the honey-bee. Von Frisch's interests in sense organs and behaviour were wide and Lowenstein was set to work on a study of the labyrinth of the minnow, the organ that controls balance and which in structure is very like our own inner ear.

Although he already had a DPhil degree from the University of Munich for his work on the minnow, Lowenstein started an entirely different type of project at Birmingham. This study, on the respiration of the freshwater shrimp in water of different salinities, formed part of a submission that gained him the PhD degree of Birmingham University in 1937. Such a radical change of research field demonstrated the veracity and broad knowledge of zoology and comparative physiology which were hallmarks of Otto Lowenstein as a scientist.

His early education at the Neues



Lowenstein: the labyrinth of the skate Godfrey Argent

Realgymnasium in Munich had laid a sound foundation of classical and modern languages. To supplement his income as an undergraduate he even tutored in Latin. At university he studied chemistry as his principal subject but he turned to zoology because of the influence of von Frisch. Lowenstein's facility in mathematics and the physical sciences were displayed in his teaching and research.

From Birmingham, Lowenstein went in 1937 to Exeter University College for one session before taking up a lectureship in Glasgow University, where he remained until 1952. During the war years the staff of the Zoology Department was re-

duced to a minimum and Lowenstein made a major contribution to the training of the few students of Zoology. Lowenstein's first wife, Elsa, who had been a student with him in Munich, was one of the part-time demonstrators who taught in the laboratory.

As a tribute to his early standing as a classical zoologist Lowenstein was asked to revise the standard textbook, *A Textbook of Zoology* by Parker and Haswell, for its sixth edition in 1940, when he was only 34 years old.

While on the staff at Glasgow, Lowenstein built his own electro-physiological equipment, for recording the minute changes in electrical current that pass along nerves during the transmission of information to the central nervous system. This work was a continuation of his studies of the labyrinth of fishes. During this period he collaborated with Dr Alec Sand at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Plymouth, where they showed how the sensory canals in the semi-circular canals in the labyrinth of the skate responded directionally to rotation.

It was largely for this groundbreaking work that Lowenstein was elected to the Royal Society in 1955, soon after he returned to Birmingham as Mason Professor of Zoology and Comparative Anatomy.

One of his earliest acts on arrival in Birmingham was to change the name of the department to Zoology

and Comparative Physiology, a logical change, not only because it reflected his own interests more accurately, but because the department from its inception had specialised in physiological research and teaching with emphasis on the comparative approach.

Apart from a brief excursion into research on stretch receptors in the abdomen of insects Lowenstein continued his work on the labyrinth using more sophisticated equipment including computers, which were then in their infancy. Even after he had officially retired this work went on, supported by Leverhulme Foundation Fellowship. He became involved in research in collaboration with NASA, because the Americans were having problems with their astronauts suffering from space sickness, which involves abnormal input to the labyrinth.

Otto Lowenstein was a private man who did not take part in group activities except when playing his viola with a few friends. He was a passionate music lover and, just as he enjoyed building his early neurophysiological apparatus, so he enjoyed building elaborate hi-fi equipment so that he could enjoy the best possible sound quality. He was an avid reader, particularly of philosophy and poetry. One of his earliest publications was an article in *Biological Reviews* on philosophy and biology. He was particularly interested in the philosophy of Lu-

cretius and contributed a chapter on him to a book in the "Studies in Latin Literature" series, *Lucretius* (1965), edited by his colleague Professor Donald R. Dudley.

Another of Lowenstein's interests was oil painting, and, as one might expect, his work was modern in style.

In all his interests he was keenly aware of the past but enthusiastic about the latest advances in techniques and ideas. Although he was not an outdoors or sporting enthusiast he was particularly fond of mountain walking and he often used to speak of the pleasure he took in walking among the flowers of the high Alpine meadows.

L. H. FINLAYSON

Otto Egon Lowenstein, zoologist: born Munich 24 October 1906; Research Scholar, Birmingham University 1933-37; Mason Professor of Zoology and Comparative Physiology 1952-74 (Professor Emeritus), Leverhulme Emeritus Research Fellow 1974-76, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, Pharmacology Department, Birmingham University Medical School 1976-99; Assistant Lecturer, University College, Exeter 1937-38; Senior Lecturer, Glasgow University 1938-62; FRS 1955; married first Elsa Ritter (one son, and one son deceased; marriage dissolved), second Gunilla Dohman (died 1981; one stepson); third Maureen McKernan (died 1997); died Birmingham 31 January 1999.

## Jack Carter

another appointment and must go now" and I hurried out, most probably thinking to throw myself in the Thames.

In this darkness came suddenly light: an invitation to be the choreographer of the Ballet der Lage Landen, a company of 30 dancers in Amsterdam. He moved there in 1954 and began producing many fine works, including his big hit, *The Witch Boy*, in 1956. Using a powerful commission he had his own music broadcast on the radio by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, sandwiched between Schumann and Debussy. That was in 1953, by which time he had been demobbed from army war service.

A demobilisation grant allowed

him to resume his ballet studies in earnest, following which he found dancing jobs with small troupes run by Molly Lake. Here he had his first try at choreography: *pas de deux* in a ballet by Lake who, faced with a studio full of fledgling dancers and an inspirational blank, saw Carter smiling (at something else, actually) and snapped "Go on! Do it! You do it!" So he did.

He made his first piece, *Finnistia*, in 1946 for London's Confidential Ballet. He also danced with the Sadler's Wells Opera Ballet, appeared in the film *The Red Shoes* (1948) and sometimes slept in Victoria Station for lack of money. He joined the small Ambassador Ballet where he choreographed *Stagione*. This piece marked the start of a close friendship and collaboration with the dancer and designer Norman McDowell, which lasted until McDowell's death in 1980.

Then in the early 1950s Carter worked with Ballet Workshop, a cradle for young choreographers which had links with Ballet Rambert. His pieces included *Echo and Narcissus*, performed by the celebrated John Gilpin and Natalie Krassovska, and given a television showing; *Overture*, a Proust ballet which entered the Rambert repertoire as *Past Recalled*; and *The Life and Death of Lola Montez*, which Rambert also acquired.

Ballet Workshop folded, as did the original Ballet Russe where he had been dancing, and once again there was no work. "I had kept going with little hope," he wrote in *Dance & Dancers* (July/August 1996),

but now I had reached the nadir and desperately needed the encouragement of someone – anyone – saying, "Stick at it! Don't give in." I chose to call on the then editor of *Dance & Dancers*, who had reviewed my ballets, at his imposing flat in Eaton Square. . . . His answer was short: "Well, duck! If you're any good, someone would use you." In the stunned silence that followed this pronouncement I heard a bell ringing. It rang from the bag on the floor by my side that contained my total possessions in the world when there was no other place to leave them, and included was an alarm clock.

Humiliated by the prospect of my whole sorry situation being revealed, I said brightly as I stopped the alarm bell ringing: "Oh, is it so late? I'm sorry but I have

## Michel Péricard

HE WAS born in Saint-Germain-en-Laye; he became mayor of Saint-Germain-en-Laye; he was elected deputy for the department of the Yvelines (where Saint-Germain-en-Laye is situated); he died in Saint-Germain-en-Laye.

When one describes the life of Michel Péricard in this way, then it would seem that one is describing the life of a typical French politician. Edouard Herriot, the legendary mayor of Lyons, used to say that in the communes and municipalities one saw the real France, the France that was united. It was only on the national level that France was a divided country.

But Péricard was more than this. Born in 1929, he was a student at the Sorbonne in the post-liberation period and a leader of the student movement. His sympathies were with General de Gaulle and the rally of the French people he had launched in 1947. Péricard chose the radio as his career, and from 1954 was a newsreader and a leader of discussions on the news. In 1957 he transferred to television, where he presented the news and took part

in a leading news programme, 5 *Colombe à la Rue*. After 1958, de Gaulle had returned to power. This was the time when, with a majority of newspapers being critical, he was asked what he could do to get public opinion on his side. His reply was simple. He would take a microphone and he would speak. Television seemed to be at his disposal and it was not surprising that one of the most prominent presenters should be a declared Gaullist.

Péricard was elected municipal councillor at Saint-Germain-en-Laye in 1958. But the can of politics became too strong. Péricard took leave of absence from the Office of Radio and Television to advise ministers more directly. The first was François Mitterrand, a daring young man who used to comment sotto voce during cabinet meetings. But Mitterrand's career suffered from his encounter with a bold young student named Daniel Cohn-Bendit in 1968.

In that year of student revolt

Péricard gave much-needed advice to the Minister of Information, Yves Guéna, and later to the Minister of Agriculture, Bernard Pons. But,

France *Defiguree* which, for the first time, showed the ways in which the countryside and the towns in France were being disfigured. This was a highly successful programme. But it was also delicate, because Péricard was effectively attacking politicians when he was hoping to join them. In 1971 he had attempted to be elected mayor of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, and was defeated. In 1975 he was made Director of News at Radio-France, but he resigned. He was elected mayor of Saint-Germain in 1977 and in 1978 deputy for the Yvelines for the first time. He was to occupy both posts until his death.

The Gaullists had to wait a long time for victory. Péricard found himself increasingly a follower of Jacques Chirac. He became the leader of the Gaullists in the Assembly and brought together in a process of reconciliation those Gaullists who had disagreements with Alain Juppé, the new Prime Minister. After Chirac's disastrous dissolution of the Assembly in 1997, Péricard was even more in demand as a conciliator. As Vice-President of the Assembly he was an important member of the

group presided over by Bernard Pons, *Les Amis de Jacques Chirac*. Péricard had also renewed relations with broadcasting by his successful opposition to the Socialist proposal to bring together four of the existing television channels into one, which he called "the new monster".

DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Michel Péricard, journalist and politician: born Saint-Germain-en-Laye, France 15 September 1929; married Catherine Cochet; died Saint-Germain-en-Laye 2 February 1999.

NADINE MENSNER

Jack Carter, choreographer: born Shrewsbury, Shropshire 8 August 1917; died London 30 December 1998.



Péricard: 'We have won another victory'

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## Sheila Hawkins

**SHEILA HAWKINS** was one of the most innovative children's illustrators of her generation. Among the earliest artists to contribute to the seminal series of Puffin Picture Books, she embodied the Puffin philosophy: she used striking design and draughtsmanship both to educate and entertain.

Her abilities as painter and writer also ensured that each of her books had visual and verbal substance. Born a rural Australian, in 1905, she had grounding in a very particular environment which equipped her with a valuable and singular expertise, and enabled her to imbue even her most comic drawings with a tangible sense of reality.

Hawkins spent her early childhood in the bush, and there amassed a large collection of animals and insects. During the First World War, she moved with her family to Perth and then Melbourne, attending Toorak College and studying briefly at Melbourne Art School. Financial hardship forced her to take what she considered unappealing work as a commercial artist, and she was able to paint only in her spare time.

In 1931, Hawkins left Australia for Europe, spending a year in Spain and then settling in England, where she lived, almost without a break, for the remainder of her life. She soon became the first woman to be employed in the famous advertising studio of Shell Mex.

However, while looking for work, in Depression-hit London, she had written and illustrated her first children's book, *Block Tuppenny* (1932), about a small child who visits London to see the King. Its successful reception encouraged her to develop in this vein and it is as a children's illustrator that she made her name.

During a brief marriage, to Max Bowden in 1934, Hawkins created her second, and more characteristic book, *Eena-Meena-Mina-Mod and Benjamin* (1935), which drew on memories of a childhood holiday picking fruit in Tasmania. Then in her third book, *Pepito* (1938), inspired by her experiences of Spain, she established her ability for strong design and layout. She was immediately rewarded, for her following ground-breaking book, *Appley-John, the Miller's Lad* (also 1938, printed entirely in offset lithography), was praised at the Times Book of the Year Show.

Hawkins revealed in *Little Grey*

*Colo* (1939) how much she had become acclimatised to England, and how much she could mediate the Australian experience for the juvenile English reader; for it has been said that the bush setting for these adventures of a koala more closely resembled Kensington Gardens.

Yet a decade later, her illustrations to *Bush Holiday* (1948) by Dale Collins were praised by the author for their authenticity. These pictures are almost uncanny in the scenes which remain bright in my memory... This effect is really quite weird - just as if I were revisiting the actual scenes in a dream." Despite the fact that she had produced these illustrations during a cold English winter, she could always, if required, depict the essence of antipodean atmosphere.

In 1938, Hawkins began a collaboration with another writer, Geraldine Elliot, on *The Long Grass of Whispers*, the initial volume of a series of retellings of African folk tales. This confirmed her talent for humorous animal illustration, and led to her becoming one of the first artists to contribute to Puffin Picture Books with her adaptation of *Aesop's Fables* (1942). However, she continued to illustrate her own original texts, as with *Buzzzy Bear* and *The Cabin Boy* (1940) and stories concerning the Bear Brothers (1941, 1942).

A career as an illustrator did not inhibit Hawkins entirely from working as a painter, and in the late 1930s she exhibited at the Goupil Gallery and with the Society of Women Artists. Following the outbreak of the Second World War, she worked unofficially to produce a mural of the activities of Australian forestry units in Scotland, and drawings of women operating the coal barges on London canals. Then, as an official artist for the Australian Air Force, she painted portraits of airmen.

The second of her contributions to Puffin Picture Books affirmed her identity as an Australian artist, for *Animals of Australia* (1947) has great authority. This is manifest even in the degree to which she stretched accurate natural history drawing towards lightly humorous anthropomorphism. One strip of illustrations shows a young koala trying to jump from tree to tree; it is captioned "Can I?" "Yes" "I think" "I can!"

In 1948, Hawkins finally made a return trip to Australia, and remained there for four years. During that period, she produced a coloured strip for the *Sydney Morning Herald*, based on her earlier book *Buzzzy Bear* and the *Cabin Boy*; she illustrated the *New South Wales School Magazine*; and she designed six posters for schools on Australian birds, commissioned by Vincent Sereny.

Back in London, in 1951, *The Times Educational Supplement* reviewed an exhibition of Hawkins' paintings at the Geffrye Museum and, in doing so, neatly encapsulated her art in the phrase, "She fantasises her animals exactly in a children's idiom."

Hawkins sustained this view of herself through the 1950s with some of her most successful collaborations. Her work with Peggy Barnard on *Wish and*



Hawkins illustrated her first children's book in 1932

*the Magic Nut* (1956) won a Picture Book of the Year Award. And late in the decade, her illustrations to a series of books by Aaron Judeh, including *The Adventures of Henrietta Hen* (1958) and *Basil Chimp Isn't Bright* (1959), showed her at the height of her powers. In the early 1960s, she again applied her confident yet relaxed draughtsmanship to a strip cartoon, "Little Colo", which appeared in the weekly magazine *Mother*.

Continuing to illustrate into the mid-1960s, Hawkins maintained her distinctive balance between educational and imaginative projects, her last books being Robert Nye's retellings of Welsh traditional tales *March Hare Horse's Ears* and *Tublesin* and Maurice Burton's *More Animals* (all 1966).

However, she became gradually disillusioned by the constraints of the career of an illustrator, and worked increasingly as a painter. She exhibited landscapes and abstracts regularly as a member of both the Society of Free Painters and Sculptors and the Ridley Society and, until the beginning of this present decade, mounted solo shows. Her range of talents and her dedication would have made her a distinguished exponent of any art that she practised.

DAVID WOOTTON

**Sheila Hawkins, artist, writer and children's illustrator: born Kalgoorlie, Western Australia 20 August 1905; married 1934 Max Bowden (deceased; one daughter; marriage dissolved); died London 10 January 1999.**



Hawkins: 'fantasized'

## GAZETTE

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

#### DEATHS

**LAMB**: Pansy, lately of Rome, peacefully with her family in London, on 19 February 1999, aged 94. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buntingford, Hertfordshire, at 10.45am on Friday 26 February.

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Duke of Edinburgh attends a CRASH (the construction and property industry's charity for the single homeless) dinner at St James's Palace. The Duke of Kent, Patron, British Menswear Guild, attends the MXL Exhibition and Prize-giving, Earls Court, London SW5, and presents the prizes for the European Window Display Competition.

#### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; No 7 Company Coldstream Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Irish Guards.

#### BIRTHDAYS

The Duchess of Kent, 66; Mr Brian Beazer, former chairman and chief executive, Beazer plc, 64; Sir Michael Cobham, life president, Cobham, 73; Miss Judy Cornwell, actress, 57; Mr Joseph Ettinger, fashion designer, 63; Professor Sir Brian Fawcett, Vice-Chancellor, Warwick University, 60; Mr Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 71; Miss Deborah Grant, actress, 52; Miss Sheila Hancock, actress, 66; Sir David Jack, pharmacologist, 75; Mr Peter Jacobs, chief executive, Bupa, 56; Mr Edward Kennedy, US senator, 67; Sir Brian Kerr, a judge of the High Court of Justice, Northern Ireland, 51; Sir John Kerr, Permanent Under-Secretary of State, and Head of the Diplomatic Service, 57; Miss Patricia Lancaster, former Headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 70; Mr Niki Lauda, motor-racing champion, 50; Miss Frances Line, former controller, BBC Radio 2, 59; Mr Devon Malcolm, cricketer, 36; Sir Christopher Meyer, ambassador to the United States, 55; Sir John Mills, actor, director and producer, 91; Mr Noel Murphy, rugby player, 62; Mr Tom Okker, tennis player, 55; Mr Richard Page MP, 58; Mr Nigel Planer, actor, 46; Air Marshal Graeme Robertson, Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief, Strike Command, 54; Lt-General the Hon Sir William Rous, former Quarter Master General.

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Births: Laszlo V. (Ladislav) or Ladislao Posthumus, boy King of Hungary, 1440; George Washington, first US President, 1732; Johann Niklaus Foken, organist, 1749; Gilbert Wakefield, classical scholar, 1758; Arthur Schopenhauer, philosopher, 1788; Niels Vilhelm Gade, composer, 1817; James Russell Lowell, poet and diplomat, 1819; Sir Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, first Baron Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, 1857; Heinrich Rudolph Hertz, physicist, 1857; Norman Alfred William Lindsay, cartoonist, illustrator and novelist, 1879; Arthur Eric Rowton Gill, artist, sculptor and typographer, 1882; Marguerite Clark, actress, 1883; Lew Cody (Louis Joseph Cote), actor, 1884; Olave St Clair Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide from 1930, 1888; Edna St Vincent Millay, poet, 1902; Luis Buñuel, film director, 1900; Robert George Young, actor, 1907; Romulo Betancourt, statesman, 1908; Warren Stanley Tute, novelist, sailor and playwright, 1914.

#### LECTURES

Victoria and Albert Museum: Martin Barnes, "Photography in the 19th Century at Home and Abroad", 2pm. British Museum: Joe Cribb, "Javanese Shadow Puppets: the Raffles collection", 11.30am. Royal Academy of Arts, at the Society of Antiquaries, London W1: Professor John House, "The Subject Matter of Late Monet", 1pm. Royal Society of Arts, London WC2: Leon Kreitzman, "The Four Hour Society", 6pm (telephone 0171 930 9286 for tickets).

Wallace Collection, London W1: Patricia Falkner, "Art and Myth in the Wallace Collection", 1pm.

Gresham Lecture, Barnard's Inn Hall, London EC1: Professor David May, "From Calculating Machines to Wearable Computers", 1pm.

#### SIR GEORGE WALLER

A Memorial Service for Sir George Waller OBE will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel, London WC1, on Monday 29 March at 5pm.

MY THREE tokens yielded a copy of *Uncut* and its interview with Bob Dylan. It must have been weird to perform with Gregory Peck? "Well, listen, everything's weird. You tell me something that's not weird."

He's right. In compiling the abysmal "News of the Weird", I found the world madder at every turn. As for

#### WORDS

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weird, *adj.*, *v.* and *n.*

weird, it has got weird over the centuries. Originally Old English *wyrð*, it was destiny or the ability to predict it, and is a crux in Mac-

beth: both *weward* and *weward* sisters figure (amended by Theobald to *wizard*, and so *wayward* events are *weird* - actual, madcap events rather than probable events of any hue).

But *Uncut's* cover disc has weirded my life: I shall be buying Dave Alvin CDs. Weird to have missed him. A veritable Dylan.

## MUSICAL NOTES

BRIAN REES

## A proposal: Saint-Saëns - the movie

THERE WAS a time some years ago when Hollywood was fixated on the lives of the great Romantic composers. Success would be illustrated by shots of the wheels of express trains roaring across the screen while the soundtrack played the urgent sections of a musical score. A masterpiece written amidst a tale of emotional strain, would achieve a final triumph to standing ovations and moist eyes.

Today the lives of composers and artists come under closer psychological scrutiny on screen and questions of failure and success have become more complicated. The disappearance of Camille Saint-Saëns from the celebrity he once enjoyed - save for a few popular works - has robbed him from such posthumous fame, though it is certain that his reactions to it would have been more caustic than most.

His piano concerto debut in 1866, in Paris at the age of 10, survived in legend throughout his life. He toured Europe as its greatest organist and one of its three greatest pianists. As composer he endured opposition and bitter criticism in the peculiarly fevered Paris of his day. Fellow critics would openly express the hope that his opera *Le Timbre d'Argent* from the pen of a grotesque dwarf would be hissed off the stage. After years of frustration his carefully wrought masterpiece *Samson et Delilah*

was eventually produced in Weimar under Liszt; only four Frenchmen were present. It had to wait a further 15 years, applauded everywhere but Paris, before it was admitted to the stage of the prestigious Paris Opéra.

But eventually he enjoyed a popular and critical acclamation whose dimensions probably only Hollywood could finance on screen. At the Aréna, the French town of Beziers, 10,000 spectators surged down the aisles cheering his score for the verse-drama *Dejanire*, with its spectacular scenic resurrection of the Persian Empire and the huge forces he conducted: the military bands and an orchestra with 18 harps, placed against the skyline, and a array of 25 trumpets.

In 1915, when he was representing wartime France at the San Francisco Exhibition, word spread that the composer of the "Organ" Symphony was present; there were spontaneous calls for him to appear and eventually the whole audience of 4,000 rose to cheer and look in wonderment upon a figure whose long life extended back almost to days of Beethoven and Schubert.

And what of the psychological interest? The young Saint-Saëns had proposed to Augusta Holmes, the beautiful and talented singer-composer admired by Liszt and Wagner and a host of poets and artists. His proposal had been sweetly ig-

nored. Married later to a girl he hardly knew, on the suggestion of her brother (the situation re-surfaced obliquely in his opera *Prosperine*), the union collapsed after the deaths of two sons, his only children, one resulting from a dramatic and tragic fall from a high apartment window.

After the death of his masterful mother, a life of constant travel ensued. At one point he disappeared incognito to the Canary Islands. Press curiosity about his whereabouts was on the scale later attached to Lord Lucan, for the premiere of his *Ascanio* was a prime event of the season at the Paris Opera. In old age his relationships with his valets, the presence of young attendant Arias, and his embargo on publishing his correspondence gave rise to the kind of rumours which it is the current fashion to explore.

Nor would the soundtrack disappoint. A treasury of concertos, operas and festival cantatas remain little known or totally neglected. He was also, of course, the first serious composer ever to write a film score, in the early days of the cinema: *The Murder of the Duke of Guise*. This alone should surely ensure him specially sympathetic treatment from some generous studio.

**Brian Rees** is the author of *Camille Saint-Saëns: a life* (Chatto & Windus, 25 February, £25)

## CASE SUMMARIES

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THE FOLLOWING notes of judgments were prepared by the reporters of the *All England Law Reports*.

#### Criminal injuries

R v Secretary of State for the Home Department and anor, ex p C: QBD, Crown Office List (Nigel Fleming QC sitting as a deputy High Court judge) 3 Feb 1999.

IT WAS unlawful for the Secretary of State to produce a scheme for compensation for criminal injuries under which a "single incident" could cover two or more attackers, and which therefore necessarily embraced the possibility of more than one assault, by more than one person, in the course of that single incident. The scheme clearly fell within the statutory framework provided by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 1995.

Elizabeth Woodcraft (Simeon Associates) for the applicant; Alice Robinson (Treasury Solicitor) for the Secretary of State.

Malcolm Spence QC, Adrian Trevelyan Thomas, Thomas Sharpe Pritchard as London agents for Kent County Council for the council; Gerard Ryan QC, Rodney Stewart-Smith Kingsley Smith & Co, Chatham for Wards.

#### Solicitor

Gregory v Shepards (in firm); Chancery Division (Judge Bebbens sitting as a deputy High Court judge) 5 Feb 1999.

WHERE A Spanish lawyer instructed by an English solicitor in connection with a property transaction in Spain carried out his instructions negligently, his negligence could not be imputed to the English solicitor. The Spanish lawyer's services were not part and parcel of the services provided by the English solicitor; he was an independent Spanish legal expert instructed by the English solicitor on behalf of the client, and not the solicitor's agent. Katherine Holland (PricewaterhouseCoopers) for the plaintiff; Richard Walford (Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave) for the defendant.

#### Sentencing

R v Gloucester Crown Court, ex p McGahey; QBD, Div Ct (Lord Birmingham CJ, Brian Smedley J) 1 Feb 1999.

IT WAS doubtful whether it would ever be appropriate for a Crown Court to appeal to lengthen a sentence imposed by a magistrate's court in order to ensure supervision of the defendant upon release. Accordingly, the decision to increase the defendant's sentence from six months' to 12 months' imprisonment would be quashed. Edward Burges (Goddard & Partners, Cheltenham) for the applicant; the respondent did not appear.

#### Legal aid

R v Legal Aid Board, ex p Reseigh; QBD, Crown Office List (Moses J) 4 Feb 1999.

WHEN CONSIDERING an application for legal aid, the Legal Aid Board was entitled to consider the jurisdiction of the small claims court, which was founded on the value of the claim, before considering the complexity of the case and the defendant's circumstances. If the claim fell within the small claims jurisdiction, the next

# Oh no, you can't do that: it might be fun

ONE OF our bars here in the sweet and orderly little town of New Hampshire in which I live recently placed small printed notices in plastic holders on each of the tables - the sort of notices that normally invite you to order a jug of pina coladas at a special price or perhaps join nine hosts Chip and Tiffany for their convivial daily happy hour.

However, far from inviting anyone to engage in anything as hedonistic as that, what these notices said was this: "We take our responsibility to the community seriously. Therefore we are introducing a policy of limiting each customer to a maximum of three drinks. We thank you for your understanding and co-operation."

When a bar starts telling you that you must leave after as little as three bottles of beer - that's about one and a half English pints - you know something is going on. The problem isn't that townfolk here in Hanover have been disgracing themselves, you understand. The problem is that they might enjoy themselves more than the modest amount that is deemed socially acceptable in this challenging age in which we live.

And Americans these days find the most extraordinary things to worry about. HL Mencken once defined Puritanism as "the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy". It was 70 years ago that he said it, but it is as true today as it was then. Everywhere you turn in America these days you encounter a strange and insistent kind of nambying, as in these preposterous new notices in our local bar.

The thing is, the notices are in any case completely unnecessary. I have discovered to my dismay that when an American friend invites you out for a beer that is exactly what he means - a beer. You sit it delicately for about 45 minutes until it is gone and then your companion says, "Hey, that was fun. Let's do it again next year." I don't know anybody - anybody who would be so rash as to consume three drinks at a sitting. All the people I know barely drink at all, never touch tobacco, watch their cholesterol levels, and if they were HIV positive, jog up to Canada and back about twice a day, and go to bed early. Now that is all very sensible and I know they will outlive me by decades, but it isn't much fun.

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things to worry about. Newspaper reviews of movies, for instance, nearly always end with a paragraph noting what qualities the film contains that viewers may find disturbing - violence, sexual content, strong language, and so on. That seems unobjectionable enough in principle, but what is remarkable is the things the papers believe worthy of inclusion. *The New York Times* recently concluded a review of a new Chevy Chase movie with this sombre warning: "Vegas Vacation is rated PG (Parental Guidance suggested). Besides sexual suggestiveness, it shows rattlesnakes and gambling."

Oh well, that's out. *The Los Angeles Times* meanwhile, warns its readers that *As Good as It Gets* contains "strong language and thematic elements" (whatever they are), while *Moulin Rouge* has "mayhem, comic sensuality and language". Not strong language or suggestive language, but just "language". My God, think of it. Language in a movie! Not to mention mayhem. And to think I nearly took the children.

There is, in short, a huge and preposterous disquiet in the land

## BRYSON'S AMERICA

about almost everything. The bookshops and best-seller lists are full of books like Robert Bork's *Slouching to Gomorrah*, suggesting that America is on the brink of some catastrophic moral collapse. Among the literally hundreds of things Bork is worried about are "the angry activists of homosexuality, feminism, environmentalism (and) animal rights". Oh, please.

Things that would raise barely

a flicker in other countries are here looked upon as almost dangerously licentious. Recently a woman in Hartford, Connecticut, was threatened with arrest when a security guard saw her breast-feeding her baby - discreetly, mind you, with a baby blanket over her shoulder

and her back turned to the world - in her car in a remote corner of a restaurant car park. She had left the restaurant and gone to her car to feed the baby because it was more private - but not private enough. Someone with binoculars might have glimpsed what she was doing, and, well, you can imagine the consequences for a stable and orderly society.

Meanwhile, in Boulder,

Colorado, which has one of the strictest anti-smoking ordinances in America (e, they shoot you), an actor in an amateur stage production was threatened with arrest, if you can believe it, for smoking a cigarette on stage during a performance, as his part required. Smoking is of course the great forbidden activity these days. Light up a cigarette almost anywhere in America now and you are looked upon as a pariah. Light up indoors in a public place and you will be swept upon by a phalanx of security people.

Many states - Vermont and California to name two - have laws making it illegal to smoke virtually anywhere indoors, apart from private residences, and often even outdoors. Now I'm all

for discouraging smoking, but increasing this is getting carried to neurotic and even sinister extremes. A company here in New Hampshire recently instituted a policy that any employee who is suspected of having smoked a cigarette within 45 minutes of coming to work faces dismissal, even if he was smoking within the privacy of his own home, on his own time, day, or after a big football victory, or upon the conclusion of final exams, or, what the hell.

Meanwhile, all but one of the several students quoted in the article favoured the proposal.

"It's about time we had a policy like this," said one priggish young scholar from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who, in my view, wants a good sound slapping.

Call me heartless, but I hope the next movie he sees has scenes involving rattlesnakes, gambling, thematic elements and language, and that it disturbs the dickens out of him. Wouldn't that just serve him right?

Notes from a Big Country by Bill Bryson (Doubleday £16.99)

# 'I never liked being myself'

## FAMILY AFFAIR

Singer and songwriter Howard Jones made his name in the 1980s with hits like *What Is Love*, and *Like to Get to Know You Well*. His latest single is *Let The People Have Their Say*. He and his wife Jan live in Reading and have three children, Osheen, 12, Mica, 10, and Jasper, 4. Osheen has acted in the film of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Velvet Goldmine*, and in *Titus Andronicus*

### Howard

**O**sheen was conceived on a tour bus travelling from Denver to Salt Lake City. My wife Jan and I slept at the back which you could convert into a double bed. We had been having a wonderful time living in Ireland so we named him Osheen which is the English spelling of an Irish name. Later we thought it would be wonderful if he could experience our lives with us so up until he went to school he came on big tours around the world.

In places like Japan, Osheen would be in his pushchair surrounded by about 30 aunts and uncles - the crew and band. He didn't sleep much as a baby - he still likes that now. I guess he grew up thinking it was normal for people to be playing instruments and singing on stage. That must affect a person.

From a very young age Osheen has been into dressing up and putting on accents, and generally swanning around as different characters. At three years old he was said to be an actor. When friends came round he would rush into his room and reappear dressed up in animal costumes, brightly coloured clothes, dresses even.

We thought he'd like to go to Saturday drama classes at a local theatre school. Through the school he came to audition for the Royal Shakespeare Company who were doing a film of their production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Then

he had a small part in *Velvet Goldmine* with Ewan McGregor. After that he was cast as Sir Anthony Hopkins's grandson in *Titus Andronicus* which he's just finished filming in Rome. I was on tour in America but the rest of the family went out to be with Osheen. He had a tutor from nine to five but he missed his friends and found night shoots hard because he had to stay up until 4am. We'd talk daily on the phone and I'd say to him, "There's only a few more weeks to go now. Once you see the film you'll be so proud of your work."

Jan and I talk constantly about what it means to have a son who is a child actor. If you believe that people get born to certain families for a reason, we believe that Osheen has ended up in our family because my career has given us so much experience of the media. We know that the big thing is keeping your feet on the ground and not getting all overblown about yourself. I want to help Osheen realise that acting or performing is just another job. We may act or sing but we're still ordinary people. Not everyone may be actors or singers but we use our talents to contribute to society.

Macaulay Culkin and his father are a rather sad story and we couldn't be further away from that. We have always discussed everything openly. With my Buddhist thinking I've never thought of Osheen as a child but as another person.

If Osheen changes his mind and doesn't want to act any more, that's completely fine by us. We certainly won't push him. But I feel that if you

get the opportunity to work with Anthony Hopkins, then as long as you have your family supporting you, it's probably a good thing to do.

### Osheen

**I** never liked being myself; I always liked being other people. I don't know why. I've always liked dressing up and acting from a very young age. Quite embarrassing; really. I liked being very posh people; I loved being Lloyd Grossman - I'd do his voice. I meet people now who I knew when I was very young and they say "I remember you running around saying 'I want to be an actor'."

I thought what dad did was so normal. Now when I see him on stage I think, "Wow, bow cool!" But he's still my dad. I think dad and I are very much alike. We both like music, fashion and art, but he's more of a stage person than me. I'm a bit shyer. I'm more of a film actor. I went on tour with him in the summer to the United States and had a brilliant time. The first night I went on stage with him he didn't tell me he was going to point the microphone at me and say, "Do your thing."

I was just so happy when I got the part in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. I'd been to three auditions and it got down to two people. I couldn't imagine seeing myself on the screen. Weird! I was wearing pyjamas. Some bits I thought were quite good. In others I'd think, "Oh, I look terrible. What did my hair?"

After that I did *Velvet Goldmine*. I remember walking through the costumes department to try on my outfit, looking at all these outrageous costumes, like platform shoes. I thought, "My God, what am I going to have to wear? What are my friends going to think of me in platform shoes?" I was relieved to learn I had to wear a grey school outfit.

Me and dad talk a lot about the whole business of me being a child actor. If I've had a hard day and I've not been very happy, I'd tell him,



Howard Jones with son Osheen: 'I think my Dad is a great person, but I'd rather not be like him'

John Lawrence

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Towards the end of the movie I got quite ill. I had a really bad cold and a temperature and I was terribly worried about not being able to fly back to England. On the last day I wanted to fly back early in the morning and go to school in the afternoon. But I missed my flight because I was so ill.

Believe me, making films is not at all glam. Being on a movie set is really boring. I'd just hang around and then they wouldn't use me and I'd get so annoyed. Some days I had to get up really early when I had to have my hair dyed. I'd think "Oh, God I didn't want this to happen."

Near the end of the movie I had a scene where I was at a big table full of toy soldiers and food and I had to throw things about. That felt great. In fact, I was so upset, that I

went a bit crazy and I was throwing everything everywhere. That really helped me get it all out.

I like acting but I'd rather not do it now. On that last movie I missed my friends so much that by the end I got depressed. My dad is great, but I don't want to be like him. I'd like to be a really nice person like he is, but be myself. For the moment, I just want to be with my friends at school.

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# Have I been here before?

**Memory loss in the elderly presents architecture with its greatest challenge. How can a building help people who feel permanently lost?**

By Nonie Niesewand

**A**t the age of 86, Mrs Reeves started losing it - her purse, the support of family and friends, her mind - so Social Services put her into a terraced house in Tyneside, Newcastle. The house was newly done up by her landlords, the local authority, and she chose her own wallpaper and curtains.

The Dementia Care Initiative, a charitable trust set up by people who care for the elderly, aims to keep old people who are unable to live on their own out of institutions like NHS nursing homes. They call it "normal homes in a normal street" and try to keep clients to their own routines, even though this is very labour intensive. Carers work 24-hour shifts, they don't live in and have to learn to act like visitors - not answering the phone or talking over their clients' heads.

Mrs Reeves shared her living room and kitchen with one other OAP. When Mrs Reeves became agitated and asked to "go home as Mam's waiting for me", the carers took her for a walk to show her that the houses in her area had been pulled down. On the way home she bought some mints and apologised. A year later, when she was hospitalised, she asked to return home - by home, she meant the supported terraced house. But nursing care for bed-ridden patients isn't on offer in any of the five houses, bungalows and semis managed by the Dementia Care Initiative, so she died in hospital. A support worker adopted her cat.

Now the project is up for a National Housing Award. Tomorrow Frank Dobson, Minister for Health and Social Services, will hand out awards for achievements in housing and community care. Up against more fashionable drug and alcohol addiction treatment centres, the Dementia Care Initiative won't win the Roy Griffiths Award for keeping people with special needs off the streets and out of institutionalised care. Nor does it deserve the prize. There is an argument for not locking up the elderly who can no longer live alone in what are euphemistically called "homes", but it is an old-fashioned one.

The elderly and infirm need purpose-built buildings. Lots of them. By 2031, over 41 per cent of Britain will be over 50. Stairlifts whizzing up and down Victorian stairs don't make a house wheelchair friendly. Nor does one-to-one intensive care 24 hours a day make a pair of elderly strangers co-habit happily. One kitchen shared between two connected homes and used by eight inhabitants can cause strife.

"We learn from our mistakes," former nurse and director of DCI Rani Svanberg admits. "At Tyneside, where four flats offer tenancies, we thought that all we needed to install were grab rails, bath adaptations and a stairlift for wheelchairs. But even though everyone has their own bedroom, the residents need two separate sitting rooms. So now we are raising money to put on a conservatory."

But even an old people's sun lounge won't make up for the fact that there isn't enough space for the restless and agitated pacing of some Alzheimer's sufferers.

Holistic architecture actually heals. So says the new evidence, presented last week to the NHS Trust which funded it, by the head of architecture at Sheffield University, Dr Bryan Lawson. Daylight, gardens, views and comfort all help patients feel better. No surprises there, but nobody expected the data to reveal that modern conditions in a new environment not only made patients feel better, but in some cases actually get better.

A psychologist as well as an architect, Dr Lawson calls this evidence of the need for a feel-good factor in modern architecture the "phenomenon of

psychological transference". He has medical evidence to prove it, though he won't release it until the NHS does. The Sheffield university team compared old and new architecture in both an acute general hospital and a psychiatric ward. "We were told by experts in the field that asking patients who were ill about the architecture of hospitals was a waste of time. Far from it. They were very articulate."

More important than the colour of the walls is control of the environment. Turning off lights, opening windows and controlling noise levels are all vital to patients' well-being. In the £4.2m NHS Newhaven Downs House near Brighton, designed by Greg Penoyre and Sunand Prasad, the light switches and plug sockets are at wheelchair level. The pair glory in their Utopian vision and commitment to the public good, and they enjoy working for the public sector. This is immediately apparent in the light-filled entrance to the nursing home, with its spacious club chairs in warm colours.

"Although we did use colour carefully to activate and calm the space - blues in the quiet rooms, yellow in the entrance - far more important to us is the manipulation of space and light, the physicality of the space," Greg Penoyre says. "Only when I took a bunch of people with special needs on a week's walking holiday in the Lake District did I learn how you inadvertently trouble them by crossing their space. Autistic people are terrified of being cornered."

The architects worked shifts

with the elderly and infirm at Tooting Bec hospital to come up with a detailed design that orients the disorientated.

There are no stairs because

Penoyre and Prasad nested the

two-storey nursing home into

the slope of the South Downs,

so both levels have immediate

outside access. And there are

no long corridors because they

grouped 56 bedrooms in L-

shaped blocks around gardens.

These configurations break up

into small corridors wide

enough for two wheelchairs.

Each ends with a view. All

along the corridor the doors to

individual bedrooms are set in

bays and painted in calming

blues and soft yellows, creating

colourful little niches where

anyone running out of puff can

pull up for a rest.

"An infirm person may take

ten minutes to cross a corridor

in which trolleys and wheel-

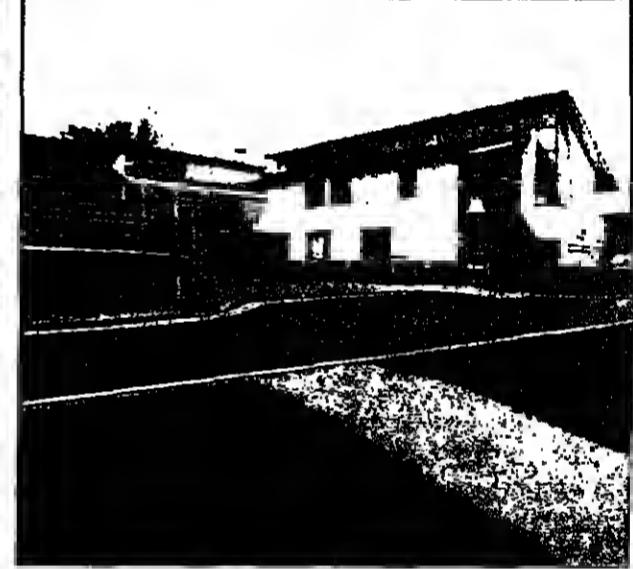
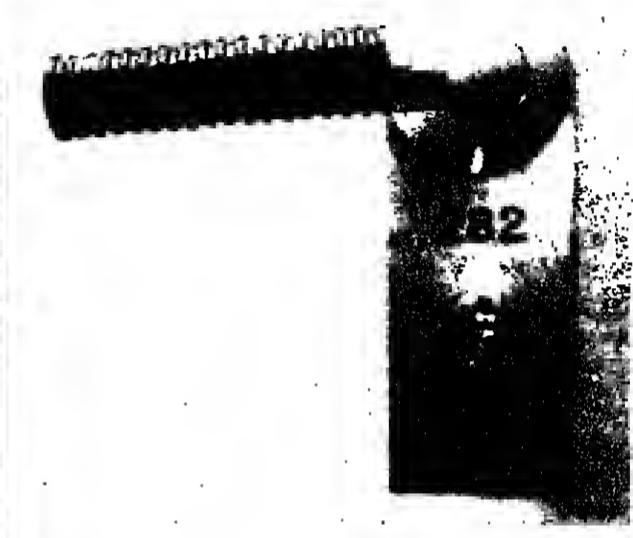
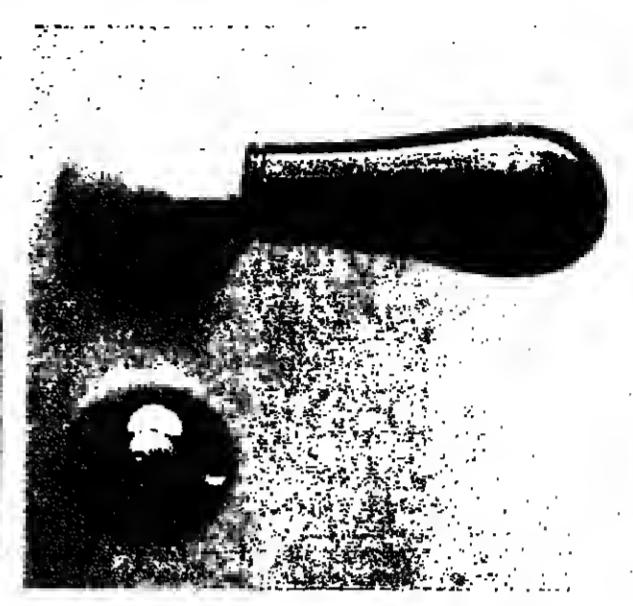
chairs are moving, so we made

these entrances wide enough to

stop by for a chat, and set

shelves in the bays so that the

occupant of each bedroom can



Newhaven Downs House hospital by Penoyre & Prasad: main picture, the entrance hall; top and centre, colour and texture on door handles help residents find their way about. Above and below, left, independent homes for the elderly in Newcastle. Below, bottom, McDowell & Benedetti's model for Blackheath nursing home

Main picture Andrew Hassan

After McDowell and Benedetti won the contract, the RSA Art for Architecture programme brought in artist Hannah Collins to work with the architects on the project at an early stage, so that her ideas could be deeply integrated into the design. She is working on

the physicality of the space, through texture and feel, sight, sound and smell. Her work deals with memory and the associative qualities of memory and time. In another hospital project, Hannah Collins used found objects from the patients and made a display case of them to put back layers of meaning for people who have had things ripped away from them.

"It's not the glamorous side of architecture for the style magazine generation," Renato Benedetti says. "But we should have had more covered outdoor space."

Inside, overhead light from clerestory windows diffuses the daylight and rooms are never over-lit. This sensitivity to detail proves that good architecture can certainly be beneficial in hospitals and nursing homes. Somehow these things often get forgotten when architects are submerged by detail and the technicalities of hospital and nursing home design. And cost cutting.

The difference in patient charges isn't big enough to give the accountants the upper hand over architects here, either. Independent nursing homes cost about £12,500 a week, compared to £22,250 a week in a state nursing home and against £157 in independent-supported houses like the Newcastle conversions.

"What's so good about architects is that they are seeking to redress this imbalance," Professor Lawson says. They are not the only ones.

McDowell and Benedetti is a young practice which has just received planning permission from Lewisham council for a new 56-bed nursing home in Blackheath costing £1.75m. They were commissioned by the Merchant Taylors' Company to open in the millennium. A trustee of the Merchant Taylors', architect John Renton, who specialises in disability, advised them on mobility and accessibility.

lights are positioned so as not to shine in their eyes. The vibrant yellow glazedoyer has a lung-shaped canopy sheltering the entrance. There are shallow treads on steps for patients short of breath and on the rooftop there is an ozone sun deck with the chaise longues that Aalto designed.

Renato Benedetti says he felt sad when he first went to an old people's home. Then he was struck by the variety of people and their experiences, which rather surprised him. "Some kept wandering around, so our building must provide a never-ending route that is safe. Some are physically inactive but mentally alert, others not. There must be a wide spread of activity that relates different activities to their landscape."

So they broke down the institutional hierarchy to groups of sizes ("a more family scale"). They also minimised corridors by setting the front doors for these groups of six on to a communal area.

"I imagined my mother or father in an old age home and approached it differently," Renato Benedetti reveals.

What is touching about these two practices is their persistent quest to learn about the special needs of the elderly. No behavioural psychologist could have been more diligent than these architects. Recognition, orientation and navigation around the building have been worked out at different levels after consideration of the mental impairments of many residents. The DSS needs to take these findings seriously. But then, as Sunand Prasad observes, "Politicians don't engage with art and architecture. They just sprinkle it about like magic dust, superficially. Only Paul Boating has taken our South Downs Health Trust building seriously. He wanted to understand it, rather than just grasp buzz words like 'new' and 'modern' and 'sustainable'."

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# NETWORK

A year ago Microsoft started charging for access to its Webzine. It didn't work. By Andrew Marshall

## Return of the free lunch

**C**reating new media for the Internet is, for all concerned, a learning process and the latest to learn a (rather painful) lesson is Microsoft. *Slate*, the online magazine run by the US software behemoth, has decided to stop charging for access to its service after what it admits was a miscalculation.

A year ago, *Slate* started charging new subscribers just under \$20, in what was seen at the time as a watershed for the industry. There'd be no more free lunches. Now, lunch is free once again. "To be honest, we chickened out," said Michael Kinsley, *Slate*'s editor. "Maybe in the future, when the Web's commonplace, people will happily pay for access to premium sites."

"We'll re-evaluate our decision about this on a regular basis," said Rogers Weed, *Slate*'s publisher, shortly after the company announced it would start charging. But Mr Weed won't be re-evaluating very much: he has now moved on to another division of Microsoft.

Mr Kinsley wrote a humorous and self-deprecating explanation of the shift. "No, no, you see there's always been a mix of free and paid stuff," he explained. "We're just changing the mix... OK, OK, sure: We're backing down..." "Don't you feel like jerks?" he asked himself. "Not really, OK, maybe a bit. But look: This is *terra incognita*."

The main reason for switching back was the surprisingly strong rise in advertising, said Scott Morris, *Slate*'s new publisher. "The advertising market on the Web has continued to expand at a remarkable pace," he told subscribers. But one reason it began charging for content was the growing competition for advertising. "Advertising alone is not going to do it for a good number of sites," Mr Weed said just a year ago.

The other reason is more compelling. "Paid subscriptions for content (other than snout and investments) simply have not grown as expected," said Mr Kinsley. And so "the biggest problem with remaining paid was



Bill Gates wanted \$20 a reader: 'Slate' editor, Michael Kinsley (top right), was unable to deliver: 'We chickened out,' he said

that doing so would restrict our advertising potential."

*Slate* will continue to charge for its e-mail services - including the review of the morning papers, that lets everyone feel they've read the *New York Times*, even when they haven't. It will also charge for its archives and the weekly print edition, that's downloaded from the *Slate* site and has proved very popular. But everything else will be free once more.

Of course, there is a premium on just capturing an audience at the moment, with everybody seeking the maximum number of hits. But in the longer term, things may not be very different. "Web readers surf," wrote Mr Kinsley. "They go quickly from site to site. If they really like a particular site, they may visit it often, but they are unlikely to devote a continuous half-hour or

more to any one site the way you might read a traditional newspaper or magazine in one sitting. This appears to be in the nature of the Web, and not something that is likely to change." And as for advertisers, they "don't seem to place any special value on reaching paying subscribers. That was a bit surprising, since traditional magazine advertisers usually require paying subscribers."

To some extent, Microsoft's return on *Slate* was just a marketing miscalculation. *Salon*, another webzine that competes on similar territory, never made that leap to charging for access. But it did create a special access area for "members only" with some extra features and a range of merchandising. This seems to have been a better bet: keep the audience, but persuade a number of them that they are

getting something extra, rather than - as Microsoft did - make it look as if you are taking something away.

"Our feeling was that the Web was about building a sizeable audience and community, and then selling to that community," said *Salon* president, Michael O'Donnell. "It wasn't about paying for content - at least not our type of content. For the most part, we think the Web has provided mostly free content."

Microsoft has had frequent reverses in its strategy for interactive media, and still doesn't seem to have got it quite right. But the *Slate* story also shows the flaw in treating the Net as just an extension of the media.

"There is some evidence that Mr Kinsley, who came from conventional print journalism to the shiny new webzine world, hasn't found it such an easy transition. Once editor of the *New Republic*, one of



Michael Kinsley, 'Slate' editor, was unable to deliver: 'We chickened out,' he said

Washington's most talked-about magazines under his tenure, he left to join Bill Gates when it seemed the Web was the future. But he's rethought that at least once since then. He very publicly sought the editorship of the *New Yorker* when Tina Brown departed, but lost out to David Remnick.

Mr Kinsley has indicated, if humorously, that all may not be quite well with Microsoft. He wrote puckishly that Bill Gates took news of the decision to stop charging very badly: "But you promised me \$20 a reader," he sobbed, borrowing a Kleenex from a nearby Nubian. "You promised, you promised, you promised."

"Mike did not even talk to Bill about this," said Mr Weed. "Mike has been poking fun at Bill since the first issue. This is a problem for me." Not any more it isn't.

## A future that's Windows-free



**EVA PASCOE**  
Good news for European mobile users: Microsoft may yet be squeezed out of a monopoly position

incompatible mobile platforms in the US are a constant source of frustration for travellers used to GSM phones working in London as well as Rome or Warsaw.

As a heavy mobile user and frequent traveller to the Continent, I hope that the Europeans will stick to their guns. GSM is the only standard that specifies the complete network architecture, not just the radio access or air interface. Thanks to this transparency, today we have a multi-vendor truly competitive market environment and seamless services to end users.

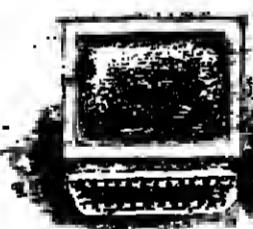
The announcement last week of the formation of an IP and Access Solutions unit by Nokia means that the Scandinavians are serious about competing with Microsoft, despite occasional pro-Microsoft biases in their products (see my own Nokia adventures with Psion). Between Martin Bangemann, the European Commissioner for Telecommunications and IT, Bluetooth can open specification for wireless communications, non-Windows devices like Palm Pilot or Psion and Nokia with Symbian, there are enough players to squeeze Microsoft out of a monopoly position.

Meanwhile, stick to using your laptop as a mobile connectivity device, use the Palm Pilot to check your hairstyle rather than picking up e-mail and hold out for a better, seamless, Windows-free mobile future.

Send your views on mobile connectivity to [eva@never.com](mailto:eva@never.com)

### BYTES

ANDY OLDFIELD



INTEL PREVIEWED its Pentium III chip in San Jose, California, last week and confirmed this Friday as the official launch date for the new processor. Chips running at 450 and 500MHz will be immediately available in systems, and chips with speeds of up to 800MHz are due to be released by the end of the year. Compaq said its Pentium III systems would start at under \$2,000. Intel also announced price cuts of up to 25 per cent on its Celeron family of processors.

The Pentium III chip is designed to improve the way that audio and video streaming and 3D graphics are used over the Web. It should also improve voice recognition performance

and, in the words of the Intel CEO, Craig Barrett, "bring a brand-new user experience" to computing.

THE JUDGE hearing Sun Microsystems' claim against Microsoft over the terms of the latter's use of Java has clarified the preliminary injunction he is

sued in November. Last week he said the injunction does not apply to Java technologies developed independently of Sun Microsystems. Sun sued Microsoft last year, arguing that introducing Windows-specific features to Java polluted the concept of the language and broke the terms of Microsoft's licence. Judge Ronald Whyte's preliminary injunction required Microsoft to alter its Java products, including Windows 98 and Internet Explorer, while the case continues.

The clarification has pleased Microsoft. "Sun is trying to prevent Microsoft from developing Java technologies, even without using Sun source code," Microsoft associate general

counsel Tom Burt said. "This is an option that is becoming more interesting in light of Sun's efforts to limit innovation and make Java a clearly proprietary technology."

SONY UNVEILED a new, 128-bit multimedia chip running at 250MHz with built-in hardware for decoding 3D graphics and digital video at a microprocessor conference in San Francisco last week. Although the company refused to make any comment on its intended application, most commentators think that the new chip will be used as the heart of the next generation Sony PlayStation.

The current PlayStation uses a 32-bit processor running at 33MHz, which is the same specification it was launched with nearly four years ago.

THE ANTI-TRUST trial brought against Microsoft by the Department of Justice and a coalition of states continued last week with Microsoft vice-president Brad Chase agreeing that video evidence used the previous week had slipped over the processes needed for a computer user to download and install Netscape Navigator from the Web. The video had been intended to show that the Internet itself opened the browser market up to fair competition, but it contained errors and omissions that Chase acknowledged and apologised for.

It is the third time in the case that video evidence from Microsoft has been successfully challenged in court.

APPLE COMPUTER has posted a new version of its Java virtual machine on its website ([www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)) for free download. Claiming 100 per cent compatibility with Sun standards, the Mac OS Runtime for Java 2.1 (MRJ) is five times faster than earlier versions. It has support for AppleScript as well as QuickTime for Java, which will be incorporated into new versions of QuickTime. MRJ 2.1 runs on PowerPCs with OS 7.6.1 or later.

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Michelangelo's damaged masterpiece can at last be viewed in its entirety. By Mark Vernon

# The restoration game

**M**ichelangelo's masterpiece, the Florentine Pietà is unique. Unusually, he began the work without commission, making it a rare piece of self-expression, one of the first in the history of art. This colossal piece of carved marble, at 2.5 metres tall and weighing eight tons, was intended to crown the altar under which Michelangelo wanted to be buried. Then, a few years before his death, he took a hammer to the work to destroy it. A student rescued the piece, but left art historians with a mystery of composition, reconstruction and workmanship. Only today, with the assistance of state-of-the-art, so-called "deep computing", is the eminent Renaissance scholar Professor Jack Wasserman beginning to unravel its secrets. His work will enhance our understanding of the beliefs and genius of this great artist.

The Florentine Pietà is a group of four larger-than-life figures: the broken body of Christ from the cross is held up by Mary Magdalene aided by Nicodemus above her and the Virgin Mary to the right. Only the figures of Mary Magdalene and Christ are finished, although the left arm of Jesus has been broken and repaired and the left leg is missing. After Michelangelo's act of violence against it the otherwise undistinguished sculptor Tiberio Calcagni reassembled it. This, as Wasserman explains, makes it a statue by two artists and even more difficult to interpret as a result.

Michelangelo's style has occupied the minds of art historians since the 16th century. The proportion and details of the Florentine Pietà are particularly curious, since some parts seem elongated while others are suspiciously small. More fundamentally, it has not been possible to view the statue as Michelangelo intended, with the base at eye level: since being rescued it sits on the floor in the Museum of the Opera del Duomo in Florence cathedral.

To tackle these issues, Wasserman originally engaged a photogrammetrist to conduct a complete study of the work, as well as an Italian research institute to carry out a scientific analysis. In 1997, his search brought him to IBM's Gabriel Taubin, head of the Visual Technologies Group at IBM Research and a specialist in geometric computation. Shortly after, the IBM Foundation agreed to fund a project to generate an ultra-high-resolution virtual image of the work.

Not only was the task of artistic interest, but it presented great technological challenges. Digitising the Florentine Pietà for a near perfect replica required taking some 10,000 digital images. A camera originally designed for plastic surgeons to take three-dimensional photographs was modified for the project. It beams stripes of light on to the surface of the object and then takes 12 images simultaneously, six in colour to capture details of texture and shade, and six in black and white. A



The virtual image of Michelangelo's 'Florentine Pietà' has provided a rich area of research for the historian

grid of laser beams is also projected on to the statue to generate more spatial information. From the raw data, a computer algorithm then virtually reconstructs the piece.

Dr Fausto Bernardini, head of the IBM Pietà team, explains that advances in technology were required in several areas. The fundamental challenge was to manage a virtual study of an object of this size. After a test-run on a papier-mâché mock-up of the statue in the Thomas J Watson Research Center in Yorktown Heights, New York, the IBM researchers went to Florence early last year, where they spent 12 days working in the small, unheated room in which the statue is housed.

The end result is a virtual statue constructed of a mosaic of some 10 million triangles, with an additional 9 billion bytes of data refining the geometry and adding detailed colour and texture information.

"Handing this amount of information on a PC was the first advance," Dr Bernardini says. "It

would be straightforward on a super-computer, but fast-mesh computation at speed and with compression is a hard task."

The PC viewer first displays a simplified model of the full statue which can be viewed from any angle. Users can then zoom in on any part of the statue in detail down to a single millimetre. "Large portions of the statue are unfinished," says Pro-

Michelangelo viewed the statue after he destroyed it, and perhaps what his motivation was," he adds.

The final version of the Pietà model is due to be completed this spring although Professor Wasserman has already been able to draw some conclusions on Michelangelo's work. He has confirmed the hypothesis that he intended the statue for his tomb monument as the adjusted

This suggestion supports an interpretation of the work as self-expressive of Michelangelo, revealing of the artist's piety and even psychological state at the end of his life.

Being able to handle large amounts of data in near real-time to draw out results immediately available to end-users has led to the coining of the term "deep computing" by IBM. Dr Bernardini believes that their work will find application well beyond the art history arena. "The creation of 3-D content is expensive and requires experts. But these advances mean a 3-D camcorder might evolve that builds up an image automatically," he explains.

In 1583, Ascanio Condivi, author of *The Life of Michelangelo*, wrote of the Florentine Pietà: "Let it suffice: I tell you it is a rare thing, and one of the most laborious works that he has yet done." Little would he or Michelangelo have imagined that the masterpiece would be at the centre of advanced computer research, over 400 years later.

Sometimes I send a message and talking to my friends later on, I say - "did you get that?" and they say "no". It's a bit of a worry. But most of my mates' numbers are

programmed into my phone, so the likelihood is it will go to another friend.

I have a laugh with the SMS service. Other players use it and it starts off a little chain reaction - you send one message to one player, and before you know it, it has backfired and you are all having a go at each other! But I wouldn't go too far. Anyway, my friends are pretty streetwise. If they were out on a date, I am sure they'd turn the phone off.

The messages could be anything from taking the mickey out of one of the guy's performances in the game (no, I can't give an example), something that has happened in the game, or was written about in a newspaper. With some guys who always have their phones off, or are in a bad area, I just send

your team, or traffic reports.

Mobile phones have services

as innovative as BT these days.

At the moment I am training with England and I am fairly busy, but I very rarely get called out of the blue. I am not a slave to my mobile phone (the only thing I am a slave to is the remote control - you go to any home and the wife won't be able to tell you where the remote control is, but the man will). I use the mobile quite a lot, but it's generally when I am travelling. The beauty about the phone is if you don't want to talk, you turn it off and you have an answering machine.

The actual mechanics of the SMS service aren't difficult; you press a couple of buttons, get into the service, type out the message on the alphabet buttons on the phone and then press send. It's cheaper than using the mobile. After all, it's really short messages; I am not sending through an essay.

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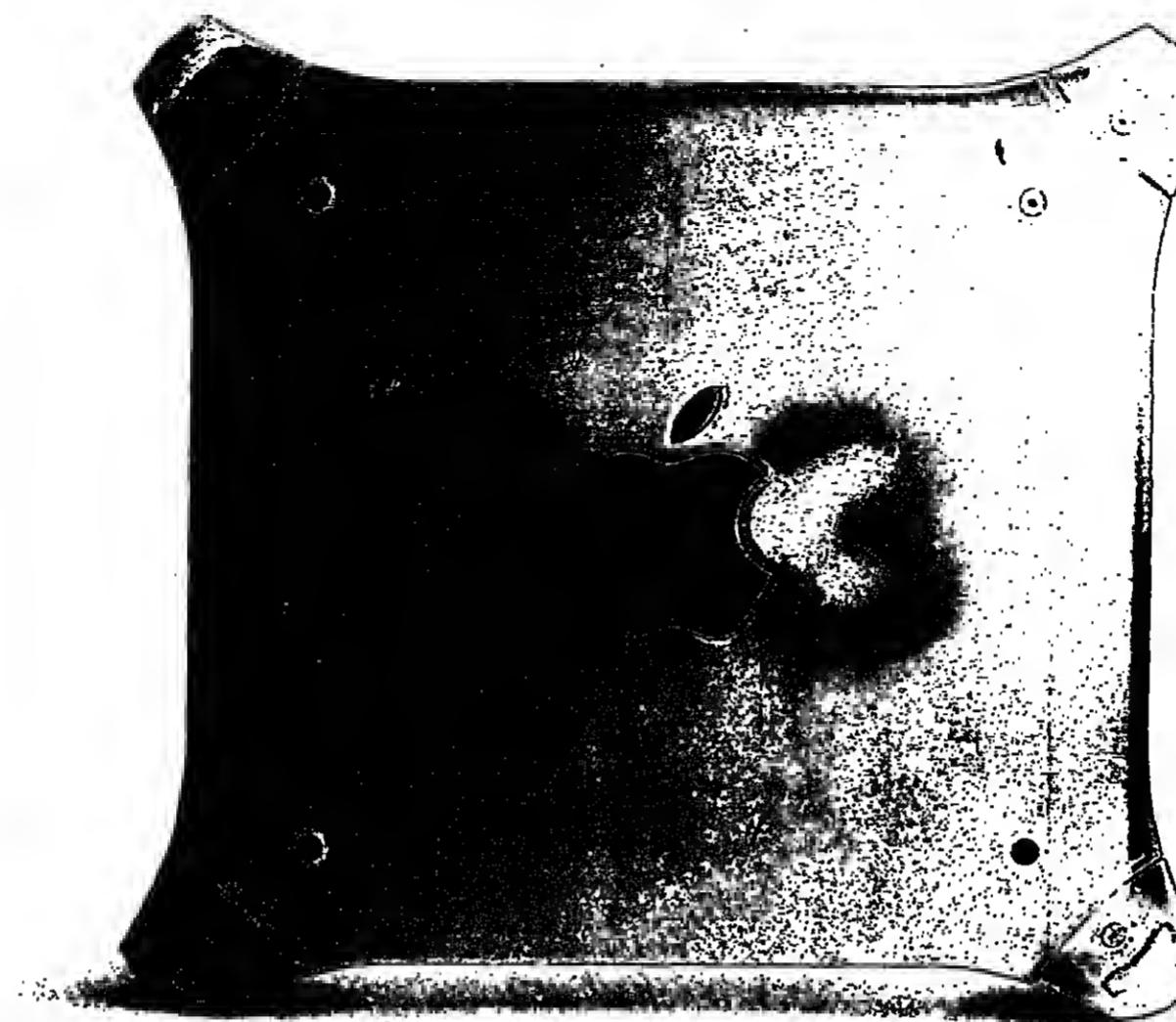
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West End: ABC Shaftesbury Avenue, Chelsea Cinema, *Revoir*

HOLY MAN (PG)

Director: Stephen Herek  
Starring: Eddie Murphy, Jeff Goldblum  
Redemption time! Jeff Goldblum plays Ricky, a small-time executive on a home-shopping channel. Eddie Murphy is G, a spiritual wanderer with open sandals and an idiot-savant simper. G and Ricky hook up. Fearful for his job, Ricky uses G as a frontman on the shopping show and sales go through the roof. G, in turn, teaches Ricky a few soulful lessons; you know, about life and stuff. *Holy Man* is a film of bits and pieces. Parts of it (the satirical swipes at trash TV, for instance) are very funny, while Murphy and the wired, neurotic Goldblum in particular, both do well in fleshing out what are essentially one-dimensional, archetypal roles. The trouble is, the film never quite hangs together: it skips around trying to find the right tone; starts out as an attack on media-land, then pulls its punches. It runs worryingly out of steam. West End: Odeon Marble Arch, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

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THIS YEAR'S LOVE (18)

Director: David Kane  
Starring: Douglas Henshall, Kathy Burke, Jennifer Ehle, Ian Hart, Emily Woof, Catherine McCormick  
A cast of Britain's finest (Kathy Burke, Ian Hart, Douglas Henshall et al) weave to and fro through David Kane's Camden-set essay on urban romance. The plot is airy and simple: six disparate middle-youth types cross each other over a period of three years; their bungled bed-hopping and snatched moments of human contact scored to a voguish pop soundtrack (Garbage, Morcheeba, Mercury Rev). Hart excels as a nerdish outcast, Burke as a nurturing, rough-diamond pub singer. All are well-served by Kane's generally witty and well-observed screenplay. It's just that *This Year's Love* doesn't quite know when to quit, cranking what might have been a sublime one-hour teleplay into double its natural length. Still, that's modern romance for you. You can't fit it into tidy little boxes. West End: Barbican Screen, Clapham Picture House, Odeon Camden Town, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Odeon West End, Ritzy Cinema, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

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DON'T GO BREAKING MY HEART (PG)

So how bad is *Don't Go Breaking my Heart*? Well, first off, it wastes the skills of Elton John. Edwards as a Yankee sports therapist in Blighty. Secondly, it overplays the charms of Jenny Seagrove as the widowed mum he gets together with. This arthritic weepie wheezes on towards a finale so predictable that you'd have to be dead not to see it coming. West End: Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

ELIZABETH (15)

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HIDEOUS KINKY (15)

Through the teaming backdrop of 1970s Morocco treads Kate Winslet's hippie single-mum, her two daughters (Bella, Riza, Carrie Mullan) unwillingly in tow. West End: Clapham Picture House, Curzon Soho, Curzon Cinema, Odeon Swiss Cottage, Renoir, Ritzy Cinema, Screen on Baker Street, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Fulham Road. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

HILARY AND JACKIE (15)

Full-throttle playing from Rachel Griffiths and Emily Watson sustains Anand Tucker's biopic of the Du Pré sisters. West End: Curzon Soho. Repertory: Watermans Arts Centre. And local cinemas

HOW STELLA GOT HER GROOVE BACK (15)  
Essentially this is *Shirley Valentine* with an Afro-American spin, but Angela Bassett works hard to make an impression among the tourist-brocure visuals. With Whoopi Goldberg. West End: Ritzy Cinema, Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

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LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (LA VITA È BELLA) (PG)  
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LITTLE VOICE (15)

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*Living Out Loud* spins a sweet saga of female liberation, bolstered by a terrific performance from Holly Hunter as the lonesome divorcee drifting into an is-it-or-isn't friendship with Danny DeVito's bereaved lift operator. West End: Virgin Trocadero, Warner Village West End. And local cinemas

MADELINE (U)

All aboard for storybook 1950s Paris. That gingerbread house on the corner is the boarding house attended by nine-year-old Madeline (Hatty Jones). That hatchet-faced woman out front is the strict instructor (Frances McDormand). That car going by is a Citroën. You get the picture. This overcooked rendering of Ludwig Bemelmans' kids' stories looks shade one-dimensional; all artistry and no art. West End: Clapham Picture House, Odeon Kensington, Odeon Marble Arch, Odeon Swiss Cottage, UCI Whiteleys, Virgin Chelsea. And local cinemas

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ABC PANTON STREET (0870-902 0404) ♦ Piccadilly Circus Elizabeth 2.10pm, 5.10pm, 8.10pm Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels 1.10pm, 3.35pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm My Name is Joe 1.20pm, 3.45pm, 6.20pm, 8.40pm x (P) 1.25pm, 3.30pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm

ABC PICCADILLY (0171-287 4322) (from 1pm) ♦ Piccadilly Circus Hamam: The Turkish Bath 1.25pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.35pm There's Something About Mary 1pm, 3.30pm, 6.30pm, 8.30pm

ABC SHAFTESBURY AVENUE (0870-902 0402) ♦ Leicester Square/Tottenham Court Road Attic 1.10pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm I Think I Do 1.10pm, 4.05pm, 6.30pm, 8.35pm

ABC SWISS CENTRE (0870-902 0403) ♦ Leicester Square/Piccadilly Circus Buffalo 1.20pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm, 8.40pm La Classe 1.20pm, 3.40pm, 6.05pm, 8.30pm Neige 1.40pm, 3.55pm, 6.20pm, 8.35pm Un Homme et une femme 1.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.50pm, 8.50pm La Nuit du Nord 2.40pm, 5.00pm, 7.00pm, 9.00pm Le Vie Revoie des Anges 1.25pm, 3.45pm, 6.05pm, 8.25pm

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**KINGSTON**  
ABC OPTIONS (0870-9020409)  
BR: Kingston A Bug's Life 1.20pm,  
3.40pm 6.05pm, 8.30pm Little  
Voice 1.30pm, 3.50pm, 6.15pm,  
8.40pm Shakespeare In Love  
2.10pm, 3.25pm, 8.10pm

**MUSWELL HILL**  
ODEON (08705 050007) ♦ High-  
gate A Bug's Life 1.25pm,  
2.40pm, 4.50pm, 7pm, 9.05pm  
Madeline 12.05pm Shakespeare in  
Love 12.55pm, 3.30pm, 6pm,  
8.30pm This Year's Love 2pm,  
4.15pm, 6.30pm, 8.45pm

**PECKHAM**  
PREMIER (0181-235 3006) BR-  
Peckham Rye A Bug's Life 2.20pm,  
4.40pm, 7pm, 9.20pm Don't Go  
Breaking My Heart 1.50pm,  
7.25pm Enemy Of The State  
9.10pm, 11.40pm Hotel Men  
1.45pm, 4.15pm, 6.45pm, 8.25pm  
11.50pm Hotel Stella Got Her  
Groove Back 3.40pm, 6.20pm,  
9pm, 11.40pm Jack Frost 3.35pm,  
5.30pm Madeline 2.30pm The Par-  
ent Trap 12.45pm The Prince of  
Egypt 1.40pm Shakespeare in  
Love 3.50pm, 6.30pm, 9.05pm  
Switchblade Sisters 12midnight  
This Year's Love 4.20pm, 6.50pm,  
9.15pm, 11.55pm

**PURPLEY**  
ABC (0870-9020407) ♦ Purley  
Bridge/BR: Purley A Bug's Life  
2.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm Little  
Voice 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.30pm,  
8.45pm Shakespeare In Love  
2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm

**PUTNEY**  
ABC (0870 9020401) ♦ Putney  
Bridge/BR: Purley A Bug's Life  
2.15pm, 5.45pm, 8.15pm Little  
Voice 1.15pm, 4pm, 6.30pm,  
8.45pm Shakespeare In Love  
2.15pm, 5.15pm, 8.15pm

**RICHMOND**  
ODEON (08705 050007) BR-  
Richmond A Bug's Life 2.30pm,  
4.50pm, 7.10pm, 9.30pm Shake-  
speare In Love 12.30pm, 3.20pm,  
6.30pm, 9.10pm This Year's Love  
1.30pm, 4.10pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm

**ODEON STUDIO (08705 050007)**  
BR-♦ Richmond Don't Go Break-  
ing My Heart 1.30pm, 4pm, 7pm  
Hilary And Jackie 1.10pm, 4pm,  
3.40pm, 6.40pm, 9.20pm Little  
Voice 1.30pm, 4pm, 7pm, 9.30pm  
Stephens 6pm, 8.50pm Your  
Friends And Neighbors 9.40pm

**RONIMORF**  
ABC (0870-9020419) BR: Romford  
A Bug's Life 1.20pm, 4.20pm,  
6.20pm, 8.40pm Don't Go Break-  
ing My Heart 2.25pm, 5.20pm,  
8.45pm This Year's Love 2.10pm,  
5.40pm, 8.25pm

**ODEON LIBERTY 2** (08705  
050007) BR: Romford A Bug's Life  
1.20pm, 3.20pm, 3.45pm,  
4.45pm, 6pm, 7.20pm, 8.20pm,  
9pm Don't Go Breaking My Heart  
2.25pm, 5.20pm, 8.20pm

**ODEON STUDIO (08705 050007)**  
BR-♦ Richmond Don't Go Break-  
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**PHOENIX**  
ABC (0870-9020414) ♦ Phoenix  
A Bug's Life 1.20pm, 4.20pm,  
6.20pm, 8.40pm Don't Go Break-  
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**PHOENIX LIBERTY 2** (08705  
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**PRINCE CHARLES**  
Leicester Place, WC2 (0171-437  
8181) The Big Lebowski 1.30pm  
Unagi (18) 9.15pm

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W6 (0171-20 0100) My Life And  
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6.30 Scott Mills. 9.00 Simon Mayo.  
12.00 Jo Whiley. 2.00 Mark Radcliffe. 4.00 Chris Moyles. 5.45 Newsbeat. 6.00 Dave Pearce. 8.00 Lamzac Live. 12.00 The Breeze-block. 2.00 Emma B. 4.00 - 6.30 Cive Warren.

### RADIO 2

(68.8-80.2MHz FM)  
6.00 Sarah Kennedy. 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan. 9.30 Ken Bruce.  
12.00 John Inverdale. 2.00 Ed Stewart. 5.05 Johnn Walker. 7.00 Humphrey Lytefoot. 8.00 Big Band Special. 8.30 Jools Holland. 9.30 Mark Lamarr: Shake, Rattle and Roll. 10.30 Richard Allison. 12.00 Katrina Leskanich. 3.00 - 4.00 Alex Lester.

### RADIO 3

(90.2-92.4MHz FM)

6.00 On Air.

9.00 Masterworks.

10.30 Artist of the Week.

11.00 Sound Stories.

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Aaron Copland.

1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Stephanie Hughes introduces the eight of 12 recitals by leading pianists: Boris Berezovsky (piano); Chopin: Ballade No 3 in A flat, Op 47; Liszt, after Auber: Tarantalle di brava; Rachmaninov: Moments musicaux, Op 16 (excerpts); Ravel: La vase.

2.00 The BBC Orchestras.

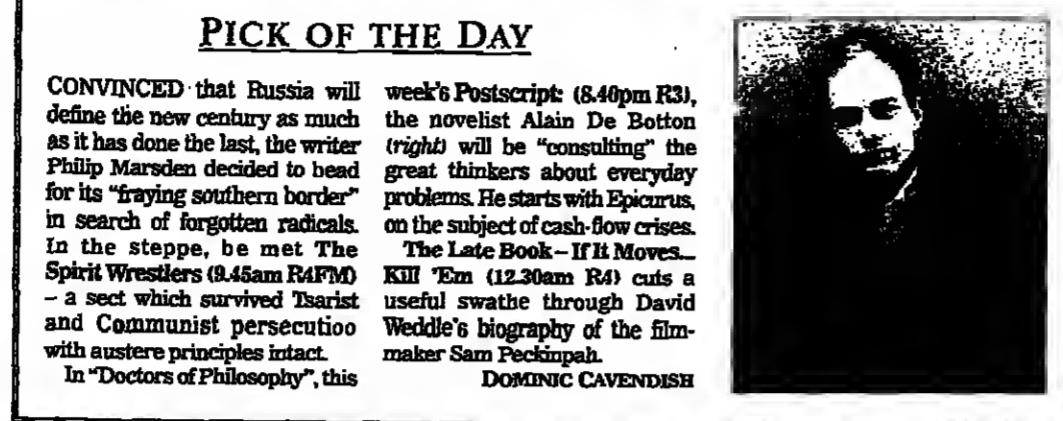
4.00 Opera in Action.

4.45 Music Machine.

5.00 in Tune.

7.30 Performance on 3. The first concert in a special week-long series from Glasgow which focuses on the influence of non-western sounds on the European and American classical tradition. Many of this century's composers, from Ravel to Boulez, have been fascinated by the sound of distant cultures - music in which the exotic East meets West. BBC Scottish SO/En Shao: Revueltas; Semensov, Tan Dun: Orchestral Theatre No 1; Takemitsu: The Doran Horizon; Baroque Suite 'The Miraculous Mandarin'.

8.40 Postscript. Alain De Botton looks to some of the great thinkers of the past in the hope of finding philosophical cures for some everyday



### PICK OF THE DAY

CONVINCED that Russia will define the new century as much as it has done the last, the writer Philip Marsden decided to head for its "fayring southern border" in search of forgotten radicals. In the steppe, he met The Spirit Wrestlers (8.45am RAFMO - a sect which survived Tsarist and Communist persecution with austere principles intact. In "Doctors of Philosophy", this

week's Postscript (8.40pm R3), the novelist Alain De Botton (right) will be "consulting" the great thinkers about everyday problems. He starts with Epicurus, on the subject of cash-flow crises.

The Late Book - If It Moves...

Kill 'Em (12.30am R4) cuts a useful swathe through David Weddle's biography of the filmmaker Sam Peckinpah.

DOMINIC CAVENDISH

1. From foreign holidays to expensive meals, we live in an age that aquates money with happiness. So what has Epicurus to say to those with a cash-flow problem? See *Pick of the Day*.

9.00 Joss Rodriguez Esteves: The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, director Stephen Darlington, perform music by Portuguese composer Esteves, including the monumental *Mass for Eight Voices*. Esteves was for a long time lost in the shadows of the history of Portuguese music, yet his legacy includes around a hundred religious works now in the archives of the Ajuda Palace and of Lisbon Cathedral, where he was mestre de capela during the first half of the 16th century. His music displays the contrasting influences of the High Renaissance polyphony exemplified by Palestrina, and the more energetic antiphonal writing of the likes of (R).

10.00 Voices. Iain Burnside presents the first two programmes featuring baritone Simon Keenlyside with Malcolm Martineau (piano), recorded last month at London's Wigmore Hall. Schumann: Ballade des Harvers; Wer nie sein Brot mit Tränen ass; Wer sich der Ehsenkind erfüllt (Lieder und Gesänge aus Wilhelm Meister, Op 98a); 12 Gedichte, Op 35.

10.45 Mixing it. Leo Feigin talks to Mark Russell and Robert Sandall about his passion for new music.

11.30 Jazz Notes.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Anton Dvorak (R).

1.00 - 6.00 Through the Night.



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7.30 Dream Teams. Jim White

meets celebrities who live for football. Kevin Kennedy, who plays Curly Watts in *Coronation Street*, talks about his passion for Manchester City.

8.00 John Inverdale's Football Forum. John Inverdale and a panel tackle questions from an audience at the Valley, home of Charlton Athletic. Guests include veteran Charlton forward Mark Bright, Wimbledon striker Robbie Earle, and Brentford owner and manager Ron Nibbles.

10.00 Late Night Live. Nick Robinson sets tomorrow's agenda today, including at 10.30 a full round-up of the day's sport, and at 11.00 a late news briefing.

1.00 All Night.

5.00 - 6.00 Morning Reports.

1.00 - 10.15MHz FM)

6.00 Nick Bailey. 6.00 Henry Kelly.

12.00 Requests. 2.00 Concerto.

3.00 Jamie Clegg. 6.30 Newsnight.

7.00 Classics. 9.00 Evening Concert: Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture. Montreal SO/Charles Dutoit. Scarlatti: Salve Regina. June Anderson (soprano). Cecilia Bartoli (mezzo).

Montreal Sinfonietta/Charles Dutoit. Haydn: Symphony No 86 in D. Montreal Sinfonietta/Charles Dutoit.

Beethoven: Piano Concerto No 5 in E flat (Emperor). Wilhelm Kempff (piano). Montreal SO/Sonja Ozawa.

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#### CHESS

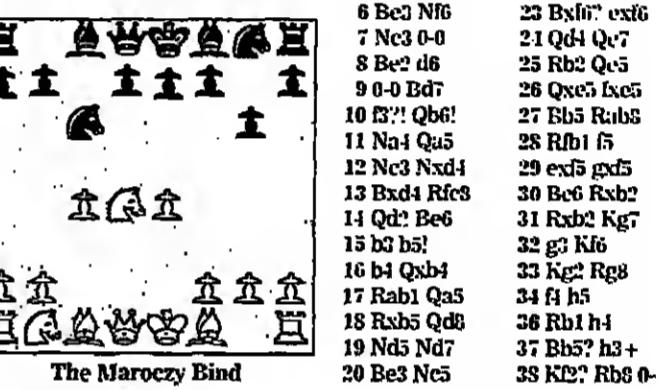
JON SPEELMAN

IT'S GENERALLY believed that chess is a draw - that is, neither side can force victory from the initial position - but nevertheless that the first move is an "advantage".

This advantage manifests itself in the perceived need for Black, against trenchant White opening play, to make some concession to get a reasonable game. This can be a slightly compromised pawn structure, (unusually) a pawn sacrifice, or very often in modern play, a space disadvantage, as in one of the main lines against the subject of today's review, *The Sicilian Accelerated Dragon*, by the grandmaster Peter Heine Nielsen and Carsten Hansen (BT Batsford, £17.99).

The Accelerated Dragon differs from the normal Dragon variations

- 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d5 3 d4 Nxd5 4 Nf5 Ne5 g6 - in that Black delays moving his d pawn, playing instead 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d4 exd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6. This has the advantage that the d pawn may jump to d5 in a single move, but allows White other distinctive options, notably 5 Nc3 Bg5, 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nxe5? bxc6 e5 and, the main deterrent, the Maroczy bind, named after the great Hungarian Geza Maroczy (1870-1951), in which White immediately seizes space with 5 c4 (see the diagram).



The Maroczy Bind

White: Anatoly

Black: Peter Heine Nielsen

Buenos Aires (1912)

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon

from diagram:

1 Bg5 Bxd5

2 ...Bg5

3 ...Bxd5

4 ...Nf6

5 ...Qd5

6 ...Bd5

7 ...Nc4

8 ...Qc4

9 ...Bd5

10 ...Qb4

11 ...Qb5

12 ...Nc3

13 ...Nxd4

14 ...Bd5

15 ...Qc5

16 ...Bd5

17 ...Rb1

18 ...Rb1

19 ...Rb1

20 ...Rb1

21 ...Rb1

22 ...Rb1

23 ...Rb1

24 ...Rb1

25 ...Rb1

### BRIDGE

ALAN HIRON

BRIDGE PLAYERS are usually very reticent about their disasters at the table, usually ascribing the blame to partner or, if heavily pressed, finally admitting to a "wrong view". Not so with my Danish colleague Ib Lundby, who went so far as to publish this deal in a recent IBPA Bulletin.

West opened Oo Spade, North doubled and, after a pass by East, Ib had a difficult bid.

Perhaps one and a half no

